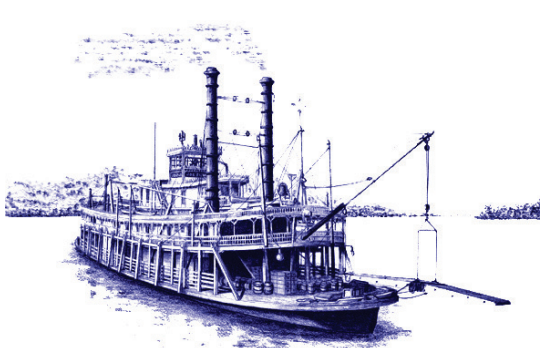
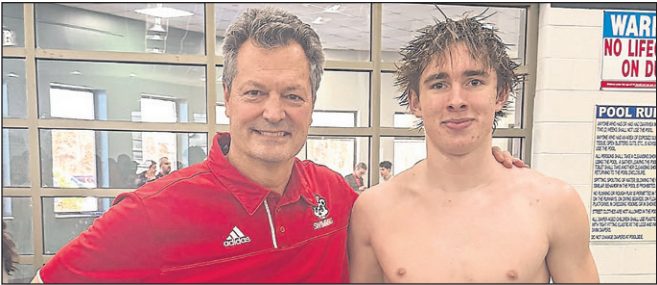




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MADISON'S SEVER WINS 2 CROWNS; SCHUTTE COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2ND TIME **PAGE B1**

MCS principals working for collaboration

BY BOB DEMAREE
With Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown placing a priority on the professional development of principals and other school leaders, a team has been meeting the last two years with the goal of improving teaching and learning at Madison Consolidated Schools.
At last Wednesday's school board meeting, there was a presentation about the work that group has been doing.
"Our focus is to inspire our students to succeed and building their future," said Trent Whaley, principal at Lydia Middleton Elementary. "We are proud of our work, and we are seeing great things across the district."
Deputy Elementary Principal

Kathy Stoner said, "We know it's important to work together as administrators because what we do at each level K-12 affects one another, and so as we're learning and sharing and working together, we want to make sure our students have an equitable education that's based on a viable curriculum, focused lesson plans and that we're placing an emphasis on reading."
Adam Jones, assistant principal at Anderson Elementary School, said the work involves transforming school into professional learning communities (PLC) with the purpose to "create a collaborative culture and a collective responsibility amongst the teachers."
"The common theme through-

out the work we've done is to focus on student learning and teaching, and I think what we've seen is that this team has come together, and we're collaborating not only in our buildings, but as an administrative team, using our diverse skills to push forward the district in working together towards the same goals," said Whaley.
Joyce Imel, returning this semester as interim principal at Anderson Elementary School, has more than 53 years of experience in education — all but a couple of those at Madison Consolidated Schools as a teacher and principal — said it's a process that has produced.
Imel, who is also a past Madison school board member, noted

that when she was principal of E.O. Muncie Elementary School that similar work was occurring in the school corporation in 2004 and 2005. "We spent a lot of time talking about what we needed to do through student learning. That time was extremely valuable and I think the best thing that came out of that is the collaboration, and how important that is, and we had to work together as a team to make sure our students are successful." Collaboration "is a wonderful tool to improve student achievement," she said.
Brown expressed appreciation to the principals and school leaders who have been "working hard to form our foundation for teaching and learning, and

making sure we're all across the board doing this together."
In other business, the board:
• Approved a bid by Riverside Technologies for Wi-Fi upgrades and network solutions for the battery backup systems in the school corporation. The school corporation has \$397,326.71 in Category 2 eRate funds to use by the end of 2026 that will pay 80% of the cost of the technology equipment. The total cost for Wi-Fi is \$383,000 with \$306,400.34 coming from eRate and \$76,600.09 from the Madison technical budget. The total cost for battery backup is \$35,691.12 with \$28,552.89 coming from eRate and \$7,138.23
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High-speed pursuit leads deputies through 2 counties

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A pursuit that began in Jennings County and ended in Jefferson County resulted in the arrest of a Butlerville, Indiana, man Sunday.
Corey Lee Lane, 33, faces multiple charges after leading police on a chase that began when Jennings County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Lee attempted to make a routine traffic stop on a black 1995 Jeep near the Jefferson-Jennings county line.
Instead of stopping, Lane fled from Lee at a high rate of speed, continuing north on State Road 7 before turning south onto State Road 3 where the highways split in Vernon. Lane then fled south on State Road 3 before turning east onto State 250.
During the more than 30 mile pursuit, Jennings County Dispatch received a 911 call from Lane and urged him to stop. Lane finally voluntarily pulled over on State Road 250 and surrendered without incident.
The pursuit ended on State Road 250 in Jefferson County just before reaching State Road 7.
Jefferson County Sheriff's Sergeant Patrick Finnegan and Sheriff's Deputy Wes McDonald joined the pursuit once it entered into Jefferson County and assisted in taking Lane into custody. Stop sticks were deployed in attempts to slow or stop Lane's vehicle but it is uncertain if the devices caused tire deflation.



Corey Lee Lane



Photos by Bob Demaree

Madison Community Players will perform "Sealed for Freshness" Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the John T. Windle Memorial Auditorium. The cast includes (from left): Blythe Couch as Jean, Hannah Westmoreland as Sinclair, Hope Westmoreland as Tracy Ann, Paige Semmel as Bonnie and Becki Riley as Diane.

Play tells story of Tupperware party gone awry



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BY BOB DEMAREE
A Tupperware party gone awry is the plot of the latest play by Madison Community Players — "Sealed for Freshness" — that will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the John T. Windle Memorial Auditorium, 101 East Third Street.
"It's about how all these seemingly perfect housewives get together at a Tupperware party and what goes on behind the scenes," said Emily Hall, the play's director and president of Madison Community Players.
"Sealed for Freshness", written by Doug Stone, is set in 1968 during the heyday of Tupperware parties, which were a cultural phenomenon in the 1950s and 1960s in which thousands of women hosted parties and earned an income by selling the Tupperware plastic storage and serving containers.
The play begins with hostess Bonnie inviting a group of neighbors over for a Tupperware party. The guest list includes Jean, Jean's cranky and very pregnant sister Sinclair, ditzy Tracy Ann and new neighbor Diane. What results is

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Ohio Theatre facade, marquee restoration to begin next month

BY BOB DEMAREE
A complete rehabilitation of the Ohio Theatre's marquee and facade will begin next month following awarding of a contract for the work last week to Midwest Maintenance Inc.
Tony Steinhardt, the city's

economic development director, said Friends of Ohio Theatre provided a "dollar for dollar match" to the \$250,000 that was provided through the city's funding from Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority as part of the

Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). With the match creating a budget of \$500,000, Steinhardt said the low bid for the project came in at slightly more than \$409,000, less than that budgeted amount.

"The theater will get a complete restoration of the front facade," said Steinhardt, noting work will include new windows, door upgrades and new white brick and paint. Also, the marquee will be restored and operational with new LED lighting.

The work is scheduled to begin March 4 and is expected to be finished before the Madison Regatta in July.
Friends of the Ohio Theatre is continuing to raise funds to improve the auditorium at the theater.



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JEFFERSON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

February 15, 2023

- Robert Eugene McGaughey III, 36, Dupont, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$2,000 cash.
- Nicholas James Smith, 28, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (OWI). Bond \$1,500 cash.
- Stephen Charles Weil, 38, Owensboro, Kentucky, on an out of state hold for Ohio. No bond.

February 16, 2023

- Stephanie Branham, 41, no address listed, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

February 17, 2023

- Wilmer Leroy Lane, 51, Vevay, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Theft, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.
- Jon Michael Morgan, 37, Scottsburg, Indiana, for Possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

February 18, 2023

- Polly Jo Ellis, 54, Madison, to serve 2 days jail, consecutive, on weekender sentencing. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

February 14, 2024

- Carlee Trista Taylor, 51, Louisville, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced on 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony with credit for 8 days served and 537 days suspended to supervised probation plus 365 days jail on the misdemeanor, concurrent and all suspended to supervised probation plus \$689 in fees and court costs.
- Daniel Maurice Hoskins, 45, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 912 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 910 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
- Leslie Jean Lewis, 39, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 14 days served and 531 days suspended to supervised probation (166 days left to serve) with 365 days to be served on Home Detention and No Contact Order to continue as term of probation plus \$539 in fees and court costs.

- Harold Louis Giar, 61, Lexington, Indiana, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 110 days served consecutive to probation violation in prior felony drug paraphernalia conviction plus \$639 in fees and court costs.
- Allan Doty, 41, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 6 days served and 359 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$539 in fees and court costs.

February 15, 2024

- Gordon S. Dutton, 39, Louisville, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail all suspended but 4 days, served, with no earned credit. Placed on supervised probation for 361 days and ordered to perform 240 hours of community service, pay \$489.50 in fees and court costs with driver's license suspended for 1 year.
- Michael Dustin Stephan, 42, Madison, to amended charges of Operating while Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony all suspended but 10 actual days with credit for 3 days served consecutive to 365 days jail on

- the misdemeanor, all suspended. Placed on supervised probation for 720 days with license suspended for 180 days plus \$689.50 in fees and court costs.
- Barry Joe Anderson, 53, Hanover, to amended charges of Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to 180 days jail on each count, consecutive, with credit for 4 days served and 356 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs. Probation may convert to unsupervised probation for last 6 months with no violations during first 6 months.
- Jeffrey Wayne Richards, 31, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 60 days served and 485 days suspended to supervised probation with No Contact Order to continue as term of probation plus \$539 in fees and court costs.
- Jeffrey Wayne Richards, 31, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 102 days served and 365 days suspended to supervised probation with No Contact Order to continue as term of probation plus \$339 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY
February 14, 2024

- Johnny Bowling to Johnny Bowling and Michelle Bowling, 4 acres at 2511 North 1550 West, Deputy.
- Joseph Machado to Tony Langdon and Sue Langdon, 426 East Main Street, Madison.
- Crafton Investment Fund LLC to Kylie Liddle, 1451 East Wehner Drive, Madison.
- Jerry M. Wheeler and Phoebe A. Wheeler to Tim Cox and Gia Cox, 1051 West Main Street, Madison.

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- Chad M. Backus and Nicole L. Backus to Loren Hershberger and Ruth Elaine Hershberger, approximately 4.2 acres at 6000+ East Lonnis Hill Road, Madison.
- Lisa Lumpford to Rebecca J. Combs, 313 East Fourth Street, Madison.
- Harvey L. Wilson and Kathy R. Wilson to Bradley K. Kage, approximately 60 acres at 9555 North State Road 7, Dupont.
- Juanita Lee Lock and Joshua Lee Lock to Juanita Lee Lock, 452 Johnson Court, Madison.
- Hailee B. Lay to Next Move Properties LLC, 2315 South Bluff Run Drive, Hanover.
- Wauneta P. Deveary, Phyllis J. Steinhardt, Donna J. (Guarino) Wehner and Donna Guarin to Donna Wehner, 627 West Main Street, Madison.



Handout

Officers from the Jefferson and Jennings County sheriff's offices take Corey Lee Lane, 33, of Butlerville, Indiana, into custody after a 30-mile pursuit through Jennings and Jefferson counties on Sunday. Lane eventually stopped on State Road 250 near State Road 7 and surrendered without further incident.

PURSUIT

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Assisting with the pursuit in Jennings County were Sheriff Kenny Freeman, K-9 Sergeant Cody Low, Deputy Bill Carter and Deputy Justin Gains. Lane was transported to the Jennings

County Jail and is facing preliminary charges of Possession of Firearm by Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement (Vehicle), a Level 6 felony; Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; Operating a Vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A misdemeanor; and Violation of Parole (Possession of Methamphetamine).

PLAY

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boisterous fun with revelations of an equal number of secrets and insecurities. Hall said it's definitely an adults only play. "There are things that are addressed that probably go over a younger crowd's head," she said, recommending the production for ages 16 and older. "It talks about mis-carriage, a lot of cussing,

drinking and burning bras. It's a hilarious play about opening up to each other during a Tupperware party." She said the play is slightly over two hours — about 75 minutes for the first act followed by an intermission before a less than an hour second act. The cast includes Blythe the Couch as Jean, Hope Westmoreland as Tracy Ann, Hannah Westmoreland as Sinclair, Becki Riley as Diane, Paige

Semmel as Bonnie and Joe Morris as Richard. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased through MadTix or at the door. This is the third play that Madison Community Players has performed at John T. Windle Memorial Auditorium, owned by Historic Madison Inc. The building was erected in 1835 by the trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church which included J.F.D Lanier and Jeremiah Sullivan, according to the building's historical marker.

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from the Madison technical budget. By using \$334,953.23 in eRate funds on these purchases, the district is left with \$62,373.48 in eRate funding for next year.

- Promoted Sean Pickel, originally hired as a part-time safety consultant, to full-time School Resource Officer, training resource and floating SRO. Pickel will be serving as SRO at Rykers' Ridge Elementary, a position previously held by Tristan Storie.
- Heard a presentation on Madison Junior High School from Principal Jordan Warner and Assistant Principals David Horvath and Jackie Thurston. Warner said the mission at the junior high is to create building-wide consistency on student engagement, student discipline and accountability.
- Approved the purchase of two buses — one a Type A Collins activity bus for \$115,878 and one a 78-passenger Yellow Integrated Coach bus for \$164,311. Board president John Wallace said that four buses were in the school corporation's budget but "because of due diligence in our bus garage, we're buying two."
- Approved a resolution to distribute Early Literacy Achievement Grant funds to Madison Consolidated Schools staff who were responsible for the implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction through grade

three during the 2022-2023 school year. The grant money will be used to pay a stipend to reading staff Kindergarten through third grade who have maintained employment with the school district on the date that stipends are distributed.

- Approved five agreements/contracts including: lawn service with Green Thumb Lawn Service at \$128,520 for 36 weeks, waste removal with Best Way Disposal for \$34,500.36, fire protection services and monitoring with Superior Fire and Security for \$25,144, filter service to change out filters in all buildings twice per year with Filter Services of Indiana Inc. for \$12,254.44 annually, and a three-year agreement for generator servicing with Genset Tech Inc. for \$625 each year.

Also, approval was granted for an agreement with Enviroscape for five lawn care applications at a cost of \$17,031 — \$11,624 for six outdoor athletic fields, \$4,617 for three non-sports areas and \$790 for all-kill treatments three times a year on the high school baseball, high school softball and junior high baseball fields.

- Approved two purchases through Skyward school administration software. One is a contract to move school corporation data to a more secure cloud with a one-time data conversion fee of \$2,625 and an annual licensing fee of \$10,400. The other was for additional School Business Suite Software from Skyward for \$2,000 then \$1,270 recurring annually. The additional service from Skyward will allow employee information to be uploaded from Nimble, the tracking software. The process is to help eliminate potential errors in keying employee data and information. The cost will be offset by dropping the FastTrack applicant portion from Skyward, which had cost \$2,894.46.
- Presented what was characterized as first read-

ings of two policy manual updates, although they weren't actually read. One was on school-sponsored publications and productions and the other was on wellness. Brown said, "Committees got together that represented the different areas that were impacted by those policies."

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the "I Love You Guys" foundation for standard response protocol, which is free, saving the school corporation the \$5,000 that it had cost annually for A.L.I.C.E. Brown said it will provide verbiage for emergency situations that's easier to understand and more consistent.
- Approved entering into an agreement with the city of Madison, Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation and Jefferson County Court Services to operate the Jefferson County Alternative to Suspension (JCASP) program. The purpose is to provide students with a supervised alternative to out-of-school suspension.
- Approved a contract with Smeken's Educational Solutions Inc. for professional development at \$9,960 to be paid from Title II funds. Teachers will be provided training through the Smeken's Writer's Workshop.
- Approved a contract agreement with Hope-alight LLC for \$28,164 with \$13,000 coming from ESSR funds and the remaining \$15,164 from from Title I funds. This will provide Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Phase II professional development for trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with Indiana Resource Center for Autism that will provide on-site consultations and in-person observations to share ideas for evidence-based practices to implement for any students with autism.

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Precipitation, 2024: 7.08
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River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.88, Steady
Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly sunny High 62/Low 50;
Thursday: Rain/Thunder High 56/Low 38; Friday: Partly cloudy
High 50/Low 28.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 3-7-17-28-29-31 (2/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$4.8 million. Next Drawing (2/21).
Cash Five: 10-13-15-28-37 (2/18)
Cash 4 Life: 7-22-28-42-45 CB: 4 (2/18)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 1-5-11-29 CB 5 (2/18)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 1-6-23-25-39 (2/18)

Lucky For Life: 18-31-42-46-47 LB: 14 (2/18)

MEGAMILLIONS: 19-23-39-42-67 MB: 18, MP 4 (2/16). Next Jackpot: \$493 million. Next Drawing (2/20)

POWERBALL: 6-28-59-62-69 PB: 21, PP 3 (2/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$330 million. Next Drawing (2/19)

POWERBALL DOUBLE

PLAY: 14-47-49-61-66PB: 18 (2/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (2/19)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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Tanya Burnette
Karen Wright

FEBRUARY 21

Paul Stone

FEBRUARY 22

Bernie Corbin

FEBRUARY 23

Andrew Forrester
Kristen Mundt
Carla Goins

FEBRUARY 24

Jackie Nale

FEBRUARY 25

Mary Beth Boone
Shawntale Tingle

Rolling Up Fun



Finley Clayton (left) and Katherine Katerberg laughed their way through Friday's Roller Skating Party at Madison's Brown Gym. More than 300 people attended of all ages and skating abilities.



From colorful costumes and skates, the Roller Skating Party on Friday at Brown Gym was considered a success as more than 300 people attended the city of Madison Parks and Recreation Department-sponsored event on a snowy winter night in downtown Madison.



Pam Brown (left) provided a steadying hand to Coda Bruner, 7, as they skated on the floor at the Brown Gym on Friday during the Roller Skating Party sponsored by the city of Madison Parks and Recreation Department.

Kentucky bill would expand childcare, early education

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — When Jessie Schook shares the joyful news that she's pregnant with her first child, she says the response is often the same — especially among other female working professionals.

"The excitement is immediately followed by: 'Are you on a list?'" Schook says.

What they're asking is if she's signed up for childcare — months before her baby is due to arrive in June. It reflects the deep anxiety among working parents to find affordable and quality childcare, Schook, a high-level executive with Kentucky's vast community and technical college system, said Tuesday.

Republican Sen. Danny Carroll unveiled sweeping legislation on Tuesday that's meant to shore up and expand the network of childcare centers across the Bluegrass State. Another objective is to bolster early childhood education, he said.

One long-term goal, he said, is to someday make terms like "childcare" and "daycare" obsolete, replaced by early childhood education — no matter the setting or age of the child.

Carroll is proposing that the state pump \$150 million per year into his bill's childcare initiatives in the next two-year budget cycle, which begins July 1. The Republican-dominated legislature will put its finishing touches on the next state spending plan sometime next month.

"This is a time that Kentucky needs to step up and be a shining example for the rest of the country, and we will reap the benefits of that if we make that decision," Carroll said at a news conference.

The bill comes amid uncertain times for childcare providers and parents. The \$24 billion of pandemic aid that Congress passed in 2021 for childcare businesses is drying up. Republican state lawmakers across

the country have responded by embracing plans to support child care.

Still, the largest investments in child care have come from Democratic lawmakers. In New Mexico, the state is covering childcare for most children under 5 using a trust funded by oil and natural gas production. In Vermont, Democratic lawmakers overrode the GOP governor's veto to pass a payroll tax hike to fund child care subsidies.

In Kentucky, Carroll said his measure, along with his funding request, would "go a long way toward averting the impending crisis we are about to face if we don't act with purpose and certainty."

His measure, dubbed the Horizons Act, would include state support for childcare centers and families struggling to afford childcare. It would create funds meant to help increase the availability of early childhood education services and to foster innovations in early childhood education.

Ohio Valley Choral Festival slated for Feb. 27 at MCHS

Event founded in 1937 by former Madison music teacher

BY BOB DEMAREE

The tradition of the Ohio Valley Choral Festival — now in its 86th year — continues to thrive and will be hosted this year at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Madison Consolidated High School's Connor K. Salm Gymnasium.

Harold Rothert's love of music created the tradition of the Ohio Valley Choral Festival first held May 20, 1938, in the Brown Gym.

Rothert founded the Ohio Valley Festival Association in the fall of 1937, now the oldest running choral festival in Indiana with the location rotating annually amongst the participating schools.

"The festival was founded to promote the friendly cooperation in the advancement of music among southeastern Indiana schools," said Rothert, a music teacher for Madison schools from 1936 to 1962 who died in 1974 at the age of 68. He also taught music in the 1960s at Trimble County schools, was owner of Drake Music Store in Madison, and was organist at several area churches.

This year's festival will include seven high schools — Madison, Charlestown, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, Lawrenceburg, Silver Creek and South Dearnborn with 250 students participating. Each school's choir will sing one song, then all schools will come together to perform six songs. The festival will have a variety of music types, ending with a traditional singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in which choral

alumni are invited to join the students in singing.

Chris Albanese, associate professor of Choral Conducting at the Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, will be the director. Albanese is conductor for the Singing Hoosiers who performed in the 2021 ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) National Conference.

"We try to get someone of the collegiate level to come in" to direct that gives the students the opportunity to perform a higher caliber of music, said Teresa Grayson, MCHS choir director.

Choir students will arrive at MCHS about 9 a.m. on the day of the festival with all seven choirs practicing together for the first time and continuing until 3:30 p.m.

"It's a very long day for the students," said Grayson, noting there will be occasional breaks and an hour for lunch. Following the practice there will be a short time for rest before the choir members dress for the 7 p.m. concert.

"It's tiring and a lot of hours of singing," Grayson said.

However, she said the extended day is all worth the experience. "For me, every year hearing all that sound coming from high school kids" as they all come together "for this massive collaboration" for the first time. "I think that's important that we cannot really know each other but we can produce something that's so involved that we have to be one component. We have all these small components that come together to create this beautiful end result."

Grayson also said it's encouraging seeing students "loving the arts and loving to sing, and being creative," and gives her hope that choral music will live on. "These kids

will have this opportunity that they look back on" because of what it meant for all the choirs to perform together. "Most of them will look back, knowing it was a long day but they seemed to enjoy it and look back at it with fond memories."

Grayson said MCHS choir alumni still connect with their experience of participating in the Ohio Valley Choral Festival, and that's what's special in particular when the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is performed at the conclusion of the festival. It's a tradition that began with George Krueger of Indiana University during his 25 years as the conductor beginning in 1948.

A 1981 MCHS graduate, Grayson performed in the festival as a student, so she will be among the alumni participating in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which also gives her the chance to sing with her students. She said the festival is "an experience they will remember for a very long time."

Admission is \$5, cash only, with proceeds supporting the cost to stage the event.

In addition to Madison High School, the first festival in 1938 included Aurora High School, Rising Sun High School, Lawrenceburg High School, Vevay High School, North Vernon High School, Jeffersonville High School and New Albany High School. The Hanover College Choir also performed.

Three of those charter members are still participating — Madison, Lawrenceburg and Jeffersonville — and Madison last hosted the event in 2019. Next year's Ohio Valley Choral Festival is scheduled to be staged at Jeffersonville High School.

\$1,500 grant provides free dance sessions for seniors 65 and over

BY COURIER STAFF

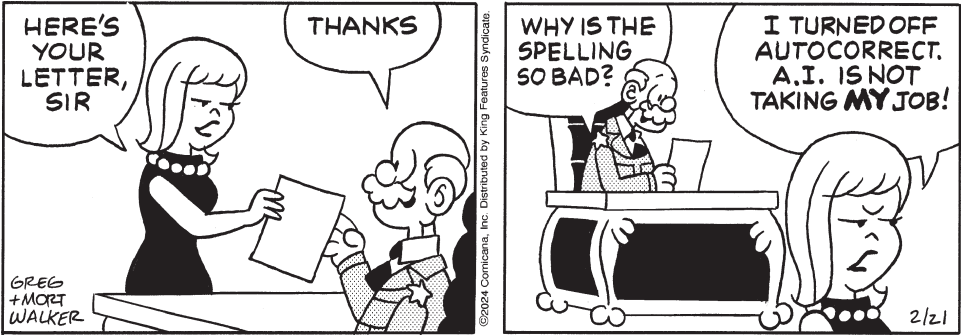
A \$1,500 Lifelong Arts Grant from the Indiana Arts Commission has been awarded to the Mires School of Dance for free spring dance sessions that are specifically designed for seniors age 65 and over.

The program will focus on music and movement while gaining flexibility and stamina, nurturing physical and mental health. Students will immerse themselves in the basics of tap, ballet and jazz

and progress from learning basic steps, to combining steps into combinations, then putting all their learning together into a final routine.

Jill Mires, artistic director, said space is limited for the six to eight sessions that will be led virtually by Mia Mires, a student at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. Class sessions will begin in April. To enroll or for more information, call 812-265-2200.

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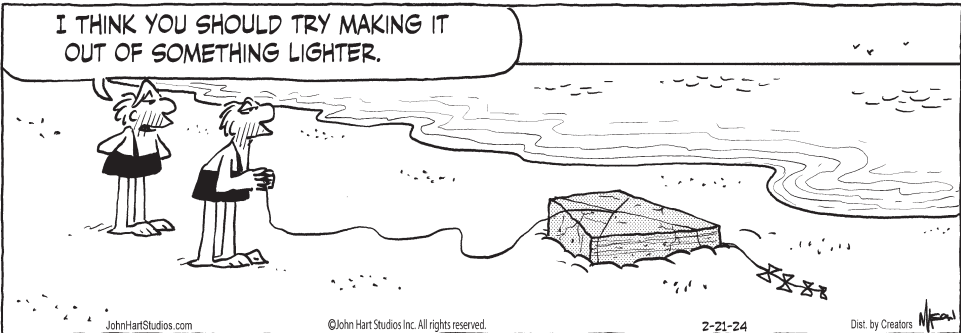
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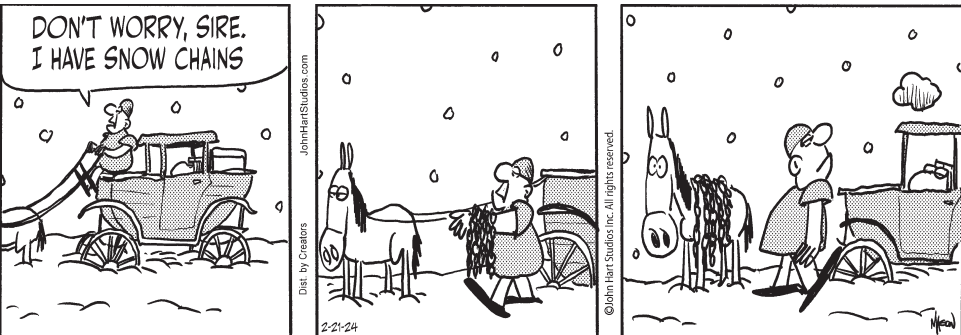
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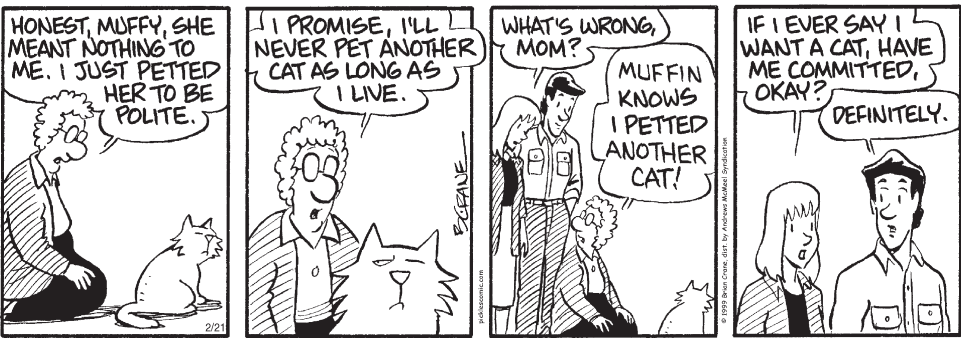
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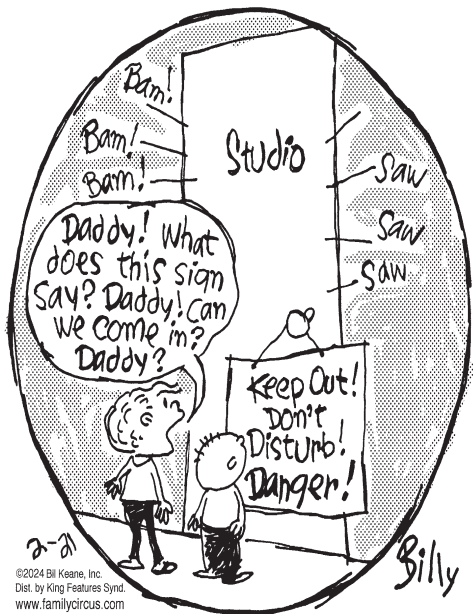


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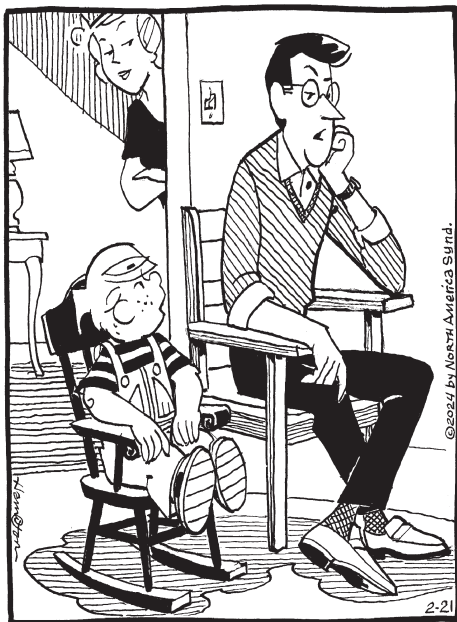
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By Bil Keane

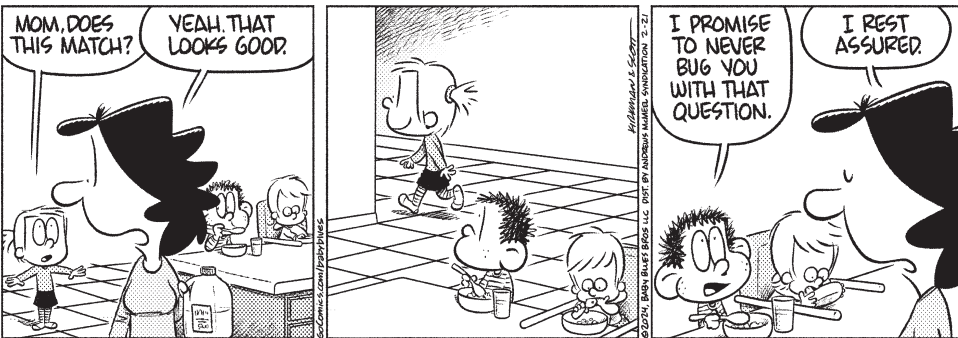
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While Daddy renovates his home studio, 7-year-old Billy draws this week's cartoons.



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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 21, 1965, minister and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York. (Three men identified as members of the Nation of Islam were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled. The convictions of two of the men were dismissed in November 2021; prosecutors said new evidence had undermined the case against them.)

On this date:
In 1437, James I, King of Scots, was assassinated; his 6-year-old son succeeded him as James II.
In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.
In 1911, composer Gustav Mahler, despite a fever, conducted the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in what turned out to be his final concert (he died the following May).
In 1964, the first shipment of U.S. wheat purchased by the Soviet Union arrived in the port of Odessa.
In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.
In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board.
In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2½ to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate



cover-up (each ended up serving 1½ years).
In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S. the bronze.
In 1995, Chicago adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean by balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada.
In 2018, the Rev. Billy Graham, a confidant of presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died at his North Carolina home at age 99.
In 2019, teachers in Oakland, California, went on strike in the latest in a wave of teacher activism that had included walkouts in Denver, Los Angeles and West Virginia.
In 2020, a temporary truce between the United States and the Taliban in Afghanistan took effect, setting the stage for the two sides to sign a peace deal the following week.
Today's birthdays: Actor Gary Lockwood is 87. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 85. Actor Peter McEnery is

84. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 81. Actor Tyne Daly is 78. Actor Anthony Daniels is 78. Tricia Nixon Cox is 78. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 77. Rock musician Jerry Harrison (Talking Heads) is 75. Actor Christine Ebersole is 71. Actor William Petersen is 71. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 69. Singer/guitarist Larry Campbell is 69. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 66. Actor Kim Coates is 66. Actor Jack Coleman is 66. Actor Christopher Atkins is 63. Actor William Baldwin is 61. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., is 60. Rock musician Michael Ward is 57. Actor Aunjanue Ellis is 55. Blues musician Corey Harris is 55. Country singer Eric Heatherly is 54. Rock musician Eric Wilson is 54. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 51. Singer Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) is 47. Actor Tituss Burgess is 45. Actor Jennifer Love Hewitt is 45. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 45. Actor Brendan Sexton III is 44. Singer Charlotte Church is 38. Actor Ashley Greene is 37. Actor Elliot Page is 37. Actor Corbin Bleu is 35. Actor Hayley Orrantia is 30. Actor Sophie Turner is 28.

OBITUARIES

Donald Patrick Hill

Donald Patrick Hill, 63, of New Albany, Indiana, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He was born on August 22, 1960 in Dayton, Ohio. Shortly after the family moved to Columbus, IN where he attended St. Columba School. After 10 years the family was transferred to Madison, IN. There Don attended Pope John Elementary School and graduated from Madison High School with the class of 1978. He then attended Ball State University. He lived and worked in Indianapolis for almost



forty years. Don was a resident of New Albany, IN since 2019 and was employed with the New Albany Housing Authority. Survivors include his mother, Catherine Hill; brother, Michael

Hill; nephews, Nicholas & Preston Hill; and step-grandson, Alex LaChance. He is preceded in death by his father, Don R. Hill; fiancé, Lisa Chamness; step-daughter, Michelle Brooks; and sister-in-law, Annisha Hill. Don will be dearly missed! Cremation was chosen following Don's wishes and no services will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.NewcomerKentuckiana.com.

Earl Roger Douglas

Earl Roger Douglas, affectionately known as Doug, 84, of Chester passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Born October 5, 1939, he was the son of the late Earl Edward and Viola Kuntz Douglas and was also preceded in death by his daughter, Kim Elizabeth Adams. Doug was a member of the Heights Baptist Church. He retired from Dominion Resources after a successful and dedicated career as an analytic chemist. He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia



Ann Spease Douglas; children, Kelly Douglas Rivard (Paul), Christopher Thomas Douglas (Terri), Preston Pinkleton (Pam), David Pinkleton (Kim), Angela Gail Heisler

(Gary); 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and other extended family members and friends. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024 in Dale Memorial Park, 10201 Newbys Bridge Road, Chesterfield, Virginia. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Colonial Heights Chapel of E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes and Crematory, 2033 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834. Condolences may be registered at www.ealvinssmall.com.

Beverly A. Shepard

Beverly A. Shepard, 81, of Dupont, passed away at 7:28 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at Our Hospice of South Central in Columbus. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Sawyer-Pickett Funeral and Cremation Service. Pastor Jacob Ross and Jacob Adcock will officiate. Burial will be in the Vernon Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the funeral home. Born on April 24, 1943, in Seymour, Beverly was the loving daughter of Frank Proctor and Janet Hope Wilson. She was united in marriage to Bill Shepard on June 17, 1987. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1997. Beverly retired from the Muscatatuck State



Developmental Center and then worked at Ruth's Arts and Crafts in Dupont. She was a member of the Commiskey Baptist Church. Beverly enjoyed sewing, doing crafts, crocheting, and working puzzle books. Most of all, Beverly loved spending time with her family and friends. Left to cherish Beverly's memory is her son, Larry (Teresa) Jones of Dupont; daughter,

Lauri Young of Dupont; brothers, Ronald (Patricia) Proctor of Fort Wayne, and David Proctor of North Vernon; grandchildren, Heather (Jeff Marshall) Kessler, Levi (Emily Gribble) Young, Justin (Savannah) Jones, and Jessica (Damian Wilson) Jones; great grandchildren, Scotty & Chelsie Kessler, Aurora Naomi Young, and sixteen additional great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; best friend, Polly Kester of Dupont; and her dog, Baby. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Proctor, and Janet Proctor; husband, Bill Shepard; brother, Daniel Proctor; and sister in law, Mary Proctor. Memorials can be made through the funeral home to the Commiskey Baptist Church.

Marietta Elaine (McClure) Hon

Marietta Elaine (McClure) Hon, age 42, of Pleasant, Indiana, entered this life on September 1, 1981 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of, Nelson Wayne and Sharon (Green) McClure. Marietta passed away with her loving family by her side on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the Kindred Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Marietta will be missed by her mother, Sharon (Green) McClure of Pleasant, IN; her sister, Ashley Brinson and her husband, Matt of Cross Plains, IN; her nephew, Wyatt Brinson of Cross Plains, IN; her aunts and uncles, Phyllis and Dennis

Chase of Florence, IN, Karen Green of Vevay, IN, Wanda Aldridge of Scottsburg, IN, Deborah Vest of Madison, IN, Karen McClure of Madison, IN, David and Shelby McClure of Milton, KY, Steve and Judy McClure of Madison, IN and Kenny Hord of Madison, IN; her companion, Joey Roark of Pleasant, IN and her several cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Nelson Wayne McClure; her husband, Donald Ray "Donnie" Hon, Jr., died May 19, 2014; her maternal-grandparents, Earl J. Green, and Geneva L. (Tucker) Green; her paternal-grandparents, Nelson G. McClure and Leona (VanTyle)

McClure, and her several aunts and uncles. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 19, 2024, by Rev. Mike Jones, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Macedonia Cemetery in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions can be made to the Marietta Hon Memorial Fund c/o Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Dorothy A. 'Tootsie' Wolfschlag Craft

Dorothy A. "Tootsie" Wolfschlag Craft, age 83, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on November 30, 1940, in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Leo Paul and Elizabeth "Bess" Bersch Wolschlag. She also loved caring for her cats. Dorothy died on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 12:36 p.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana. Dorothy will be missed by her loving sons, David M. Craft and his wife, Lorie of Madison, IN, Stephen Craft & his wife Cindy of Owasso, OK; her grandchildren, Xavier Michael Craft and his wife, Amy and Alexia Jo-Ann Craft; her great grandson, Sebastian

Michael Craft; her brother in law, William "Bill" Preston, Sr. of Oak Hill, WV; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Leo Paul and Elizabeth "Bess" Bersch Wolfschlag; her husband of 42 years, Thomas Dixon "Dick" Craft, Jr., died August 29, 2007; her brother, George R. "Bunky" Wolfschlag; her aunt, Dorothy Emma "Bidgie" Bersch; her nephew, Bruce Douglas Wolfschlag; her niece, Gretchen Geier, and her sister in law, Mary Joellen Craft Preston. Funeral Mass will be conducted Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the St. Patrick Catholic

Chapel, 305 West State Street in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, Indiana. Friends may visit Tuesday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 until 10:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to THE Thomas "Dick" Craft Memorial Scholarship. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Thomas William 'Tom' Sobeck

Thomas William "Tom" Sobeck, age 61, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on January 12, 1963 in Karlsrue, Germany. He was the loving son of William Powell and Erika Nitscke Sobeck. Tom was expecting the birth of another grandson in May, Lochland Clark Huffman. Tom died on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 5:40 p.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana. Thomas will be missed by his loving wife of eight years, Nancy Carole Stockdale Sobeck of Madison, IN; his mother, Erika Nitscke Sobeck of Chicago, IL; his sons, Jacob Sobeck and his fiancée, Elizabeth Taylor of Tinley Park, IL, Jason Sobeck of Madison, IN; his daughter, Sarah

Sobeck Huffman and her husband, Quaid of Billings, MT; his grandchildren, Tucker, Lincoln, Dallas, River Mae; his step daughter, Allason Ferrell and her husband, Daniel of Madison, IN, his step son, Kenny Manaugh of Tampa, FL; his sister, Heidi Strom and her husband Don of the Carolinas; his aunt, Alice Sobeck of Elk Grove Village, IL; his father in law, Lyle Edward Stockdale of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Tammy Stockdale Boldery and her husband, Paul of Madison, IN; his nieces, nephews, Josh, Brick, Briana, and Cierra; his special friend and caregiver, Mary Leslie-Jorgensen of Madison, IN and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, William

Powell Sobeck, and his mother in law, Ginger Ruth Craig Stockdale. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 5 p.m., by David Kinman at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Friends may gather and visit Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 3 — 5 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Ruth Haven House/ Jefferson House or the "Kindness Group." Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Clarence Randall "Randy" Roberts, 59, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, in Carrollton, KY. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

James Weston, 68, of Lexington, IN, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at his home. Cremation was chosen with arrangements by Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, IN. Graveside services will be held at Scottsburg Cemetery at a later date. www.collinsfuneralhome.net.

I need my patients help!

As many of you know the NKDH medical staff decided to promote development of a Jefferson Co YMCA community Health Center. We have some unique ideas on how we can better help our patients. I plan to have an educational lecture on the benefits of exercise but I really want to know my patients opinion on what we are planning. We have an outstanding board but I really want to hear what my patients say!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Book Discussion
Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St., Madison
Thursday, Feb. 22 — 5:30 p.m.
Book discussion on the book “All That She Carried” written by Tiya Miles, a historian who traces the life of single object handed down through three generations of Black women with a search to uncover history.

Lecture
Jefferson County

Public Library
Thursday, Feb. 29 — 5:30 p.m.
“Know Your History: The Life of George DeBaptiste.” DeBaptiste served as agent for the underground railroad, living in both Madison and Detroit.

EVENTS
Auction Dinner
Shawe Memorial High School
201 West State St., Madison
Saturday, Feb. 24 — 6 p.m.
Tables and tickets are available for the 34th annual

Prince of Peace Catholic School Auction Dinner.
Go to the auction website www.qtego.net/qmlink/popauction24 to register for the event and to buy dinner tickets.
To reserve tickets or tables, call 812-801-1660.

Young Musicians Concert
Madison Presbyterian Church
202 Broadway St., Madison
Sunday, Feb. 25 — 3 p.m.
Musicians from the county will present solos and ensembles that were prepared for ISSMA and State Contests.

Church Luncheon
St. John’s United Church of Christ
408 East St., Madison
Friday, Feb. 23 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
St. John’s United Church of Christ will host a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon at Fellowship Hall off the East Street entrance. Cost is \$8.

Homeschool Days
Lanier Mansion
601 West First St., Madison
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Lanier Mansion will host an event, Homeschool Days. Take

a tour of the Lanier Mansion, learn how patterns were used in architecture and explore colorful popular patterns.
The event, which is for ages 7-13, will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 per child with a 25% discount for Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites members.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
North Madison Christian Church
1400 East State Road 62
Saturday — 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
The church will hold a food giveaway. For more

information, call 812-273-1601.
Salvation Army Food Bank
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331 East Main St., Madison
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House of Hope Food Pantry
100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
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Ford’s Kentucky truck plant workers threaten new strike

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union is threatening to go on strike next week at Ford Motor Co.’s largest and most profitable factory in a dispute over local contract language.
The union said Friday that nearly 9,000 workers at the Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville will strike on Feb. 23 if the local contract dispute is not resolved.
If there’s a strike, it would be

the second time the union has walked out at the sprawling factory in the past year. In October, UAW workers shut down the plant during national contract negotiations that ended with large raises for employees.
The plant, one of two Ford factories in Louisville, makes heavy-duty F-Series pickup trucks and the Ford Excursion and Lincoln Navigator large SUVs, all hugely profitable vehi-

cles for the company.
The union says that workers have been without a local contract for five months. The main areas of dispute are health and safety issues, minimum in-plant nurse staffing, ergonomic issues, and the company’s effort to reduce the number of skilled trades workers.
Ford said that negotiations continue and that it looks forward to reaching an agreement

at the plant.
The union says the strike could begin at 12:01 a.m. on Feb. 23. It says there are 19 other local agreements being negotiated with Ford, and several more at rivals General Motors and Stellantis.
The strike threat comes one day after Ford CEO Jim Farley told an analysts’ conference in New York that last fall’s contentious strike changed Ford’s rela-

tionship with the union to the point where the automaker will “think carefully” about where it builds future vehicles.
Farley said that the Louisville factory was the first truck plant that the UAW shut down during last year’s strike, even though Ford made a conscious decision to build all of its pickup trucks in the U.S. Rivals General Motors and Stellantis have truck plants in the U.S. and Mexico.

State Supreme Court to allow challenge to Rust’s candidacy

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court on Thursday stayed a lower court ruling that would have allowed a man to run for one of the state’s U.S. Senate seats as a Republican, even though the state GOP doesn’t back his candidacy.
A Marion Superior Court ruling in Indianapolis in favor of egg farmer John Rust had temporarily blocked a law that prevented him from getting onto the Republican primary ballot, but the stay issued Thursday put that ruling on hold and allows members of the public to challenge Rust’s candidacy. It came one day before the deadline for such challenges.

Rust is seeking to run against U.S. Rep. Jim Banks for the seat being vacated by U.S. Sen. Mike Braun.
Rust issued a statement saying, “I’ve been fighting the establishment since day one. I will never stop fighting. All options are on the table, including relief from the US Supreme Court.”
Michelle Harter, Rust’s attorney, told The Indianapolis Star she interpreted the stay to mean the state’s highest court likely will rule against Rust in the end.
“I am amazed and disappointed at the stay,” Harter said. “It also means more and historic voter disenfranchisement.”

Harter and a spokesperson for Banks did not immediately respond to requests for comment.
A state law says a candidate’s past two primary ballots must be cast with their affiliated party or a county party chair must approve the candidacy, but Rust challenged the statute and the Marion County court ruled in his favor, granting a temporary injunction allowing him to run in the May primary as a Republican.
Rust, the former chair of the egg supplier Rose Acre Farms, is vying to replace Sen. Mike Braun, who is vacating the seat to run for governor.
Rust voted as a Republican in the 2016 primary

but as a Democrat in 2012. He said he didn’t vote in the 2020 Republican primary due to the pandemic and the lack of competitive Republican races in Jackson County, and that his votes for Democrats were for people he personally knew.
The county’s Republican Party chair said in a July meeting with Rust that she would not certify him, according to the lawsuit. Rust has said she later cited his primary voting record.
Rust filed a lawsuit in September against Secretary of State Diego Morales, the Indiana Election Commission and Jackson County Republican Party Chair Amanda Low-

ery challenging the law. Rust officially filed with the office Feb. 5 to run as a Republican, according to state records.
Should he prevail in his quest to get on the primary ballot, Rust faces an uphill challenge for the nomination. The state GOP and former Presi-

dent Donald Trump have endorsed Banks in the Senate race. According to campaign finance records, Rust has mainly bankrolled his campaign, giving it \$2.5 million last year.
Banks ended the year with more than \$3 million in cash on hand, according to records.



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GENERAC

House passes bills allowing new academic roles

MSU to create vet school, ECU osteopathic medicine

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Two universities wanting to carve out ambitious new roles to help overcome shortages of doctors and veterinarians won overwhelming support from the Kentucky House on Thursday.

The House passed separate bills that would allow Murray State University to create a school of veterinary medicine and Eastern Kentucky University to offer medical degrees in osteopathic medicine.

The authorization bills now head to the Senate. Another key issue to be resolved is whether the proposed academic programs will receive the state funding needed to get established. That could be decided next month when lawmakers hash out the final details of the state's next two-year budget. The new programs also would have to gain approval from the

state Council on Postsecondary Education.

The House action moved Murray State closer toward achieve its longstanding ambition of becoming the first Kentucky school to offer doctorate-level veterinarian degrees. An in-state school would be crucial in fixing a broad shortage of veterinarians, especially in treating large animals, supporters said.

Kentucky has a large and diversified farm economy, but it lacks a “crucial component in our agriculture infrastructure — a veterinary school,” said Republican Rep. Richard Heath, the bill's lead sponsor.

The Bluegrass State has a long-running partnership with Auburn University in Alabama that allows students from Kentucky to be classified as in-state residents in Auburn's veterinary program.

A veterinary medicine school at Murray State could work in

combination with the existing out-of-state partnership to supply the veterinarians needed to meet demand across Kentucky, supporters said.

Democratic Rep. Chad Aull said the issue isn't where to establish an in-state veterinary school but whether such a school should be developed at all. It could someday be viewed as a financial hardship in lean fiscal times to have both an in-state school and an out-of-state agreement, he said.

“I really hope that when we get into an economic downturn in eight or 10 years, and we go into a recession and we are faced with a challenging budget, that we do not cut those slots at Auburn because they are critical and vital for the health of our veterinarian community,” he said.

Murray State officials say reliance on out-of-state programs alone won't solve the

veterinary shortage.

“It's a basic math problem,” Murray State President Bob Jackson said at a recent committee hearing. “There's not enough slots or seats in the vet schools that exist today to meet the growing demand of veterinarians in this country and in this state. Yes, we can buy more slots. But it's not going to fix the shortage issue that we're dealing with today.”

Meanwhile, the bill that would allow Eastern Kentucky to offer medical degrees for practice in osteopathic medicine sailed through the House without any resistance.

Supporters pointed to a shortage of primary care physicians in Kentucky. The state's three existing medical schools enrolled a combined 510 students last year out of more than 13,000 applicants, said House Speaker Pro Tem David Meade, the bill's lead sponsor. The proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine at Eastern Kentucky University

would increase the pipeline of physicians practicing in the state, supporters said.

“We all know that rural Kentucky is struggling with access to health care, and we've challenged our universities to come with solutions,” Meade said. “And that's what ECU is trying to do right here is meet that challenge.”

Republican Rep. Deanna Frazier Gordon, another primary bill sponsor, said Eastern Kentucky's program would help contribute to the health of Kentuckians, especially in areas lacking enough health care providers.

The university wants to play a role in overcoming the shortage of primary care physicians, especially in rural Kentucky, school President David McFaddin told a recent legislative committee hearing.

“We are proud of this proposal,” he said. “We are trying to address Kentucky's needs. We are leaning into our strengths, and we are trying to differentiate as an institution.”

Trump facing fines that could exceed half-a-billion dollars

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND JILL COLVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Former President Donald Trump railed against the judge who slapped him with a \$355 million fine in his New York civil fraud trial and went after the long list of prosecutors with cases against him as he campaigned in Michigan Saturday night while facing penalties that, with interest, could exceed half-a-billion dollars.

Trump was making his pitch in a state that is expected to be critical in November as he pivots toward a likely general election rematch against President Joe Biden. While Biden narrowly beat Trump here in 2020, the president is facing deep skepticism in the state, especially from Arab-American voters angry over his support for Israel in the Israel-Hamas war as the Palestinian death toll has climbed.

Trump, meanwhile, has been working to appeal to the blue-collar and union voters who were critical to his victory in 2016. On Saturday, he again made his pitch to auto workers, railing against electric vehicle mandates that he argues will ultimately lead to lost jobs and touted tariffs he put in place.

“We have to let them know a freight train is coming in November,” Trump told more than 2,000 supporters gathered in a freezing plane hangar in Waterford Township, in the suburbs of Detroit.

But Trump was again most focused on his grievances, opening with a 15-minute screed about the criminal and civil cases against him.

On Friday, a judge in New York ordered Trump to pay \$355 million after concluding he had lied about his wealth for years, scheming to dupe banks, insurers and

others by inflating his wealth on financial statements. Trump has vowed to appeal.

That penalty came days after Trump was ordered to pay \$83.3 million to the writer E. Jean Carroll for damaging her reputation after she accused him of sexual assault.

With interest payments, Trump's legal debts might now exceed a half-billion dollars — an amount it is unclear whether or not Trump can afford to pay.

Trump cast Friday's decision as “a lawless and unconstitutional atrocity that sets fire to our laws like no one has ever seen in this country before.”

He called the judge in the case, Arthur Engoron, “crooked,” and New York Attorney General Letitia James, who brought the case, a “lunatic.” He called special counsel Jack Smith, who brought two federal indictments against him an “animal,”

while mocking the pronunciation of Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis' name.

Trump has succeeded in the GOP primary by casting the charges — which include state and federal criminal indictments across four separate jurisdictions — as part of a coordinated effort by Biden and other Democrats to damage his electoral prospects. He has also repeatedly cast them as an attack on his supporters.

“These repulsive abuses of power are not just an attack on me, they're really an attack on you and all Americans,” Trump said Saturday. “We're all in this mess together!”

But it's unclear whether those appeals will work in a general election, particularly among suburban voters in key swing-state metro areas in places like Oakland County, where Trump was speaking Saturday.

Senate passes bill to try more teens as adults in gun-related felonies

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — More Kentucky teenagers charged with gun-related felony offenses would be transferred to adult courts to face trial under legislation passed by the state Senate on Wednesday.

The measure cleared the Senate on a 25-9 vote to advance to the House. Senate Bill 20 is part of a broader push in the GOP-dominated legislature to toughen penalties for a range of crimes.

Under the bill, youths would be transferred to circuit court for trial as adults when charged with serious felony offenses and if they used a gun when allegedly committing

the crime. It would apply to youths 15 years old and up and for offenses that include robbery or assault.

Republican Sen. Matthew Deneen, the bill's lead sponsor, said it would ensure that “the time fits the crime” for gun-related offenses committed by teens.

“We owe the victims of these gun-related felonies justice, by holding these perpetrators accountable,” Deneen said. “Gun-related crimes are jeopardizing our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

The measure would roll back a criminal-justice policy enacted three years ago in Kentucky.

At that time, lawmakers ended the automatic trans-

fer of youths from juvenile court to circuit court in certain cases. Judges now have to hold a hearing to determine whether a transfer is appropriate based on evidence. Once in circuit court, teens can face the same penalties as adults, including prison. Under the new bill, teens convicted in circuit court would be held in a facility for juveniles until turning 18.

Republican Sen. Whitney Westerfield, who opposed the new bill, said there's nothing to indicate

that judges are systematically refusing to send such cases involving violent offenses to circuit courts.

“There is not one whit of evidence that that's happening, because it's not happening,” he said.

Westerfield has been at the forefront of juvenile justice reforms in recent years.

He said the bill would remove a judge's discretion in deciding which court should hear a case. Various factors are considered, including the

youth's prior record, the likelihood of rehabilitation, whether the child has a serious intellectual disability or there was evidence of gang participation.

The bill was amended to allow prosecutors to return such cases to juvenile court. Westerfield responded that it's “exceedingly rare” for cases to return to juvenile court once they're transferred to circuit court.

Opponents also said the focus should be on

the root causes of juvenile crime — such as poverty and recruitment into gangs — as well as intervention and education efforts that can drive down youth crime.

Republican Sen. John Schickel responded that the measure is a justifiable response to a groundswell of public frustration over the state's juvenile justice laws.

“The public has lost faith that justice is being served with these serious juvenile crimes,” he said.

CALENDAR

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A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

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SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggestion donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

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BOYS SWIM SECTIONAL

Madison's Sever wins 2 crowns

Schutte coach of the year for the 2nd time

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison junior Camdyn Sever won two championships in dominating fashion at the IHSAA Boys Swim Sectional finals at Floyd Central on Saturday.
Sever claimed a sectional title in the 50-yard freestyle by nearly a second with a time of 21.49 to easily out-pace runner-up Eli Robbeloth of Floyd Central, who was second at 22.28.
A few events later, Sever won his second title by edging teammate Kyle Roney to win the 100 freestyle in 47.01 to Roney's 48.54. Shawe's Matthew Vaughn swam third in the event with a school-record 49.32 and was fourth in the 200 freestyle in 1:48.63.
Overall, Madison scored 244 points to place fourth in the team standings and coach John Schutte was voted coach of the year for the second time this season. He was also voted coach of the year after Madison's girls placed fourth in their sectional with Reilly Kuppler winning two events and Lilly Canida winning one.
Madison had eight other swimmers or relays finish in the top eight including: Roney, third, 200 free, 1:47.86; Graham Klein, third, 100 fly, 55.26 and fifth, 100 back, 1:00.14; Roney, Cole Goodknight, Beckham Cornelius and Sever, third,

200 free relay, 1:31.37; Roney, Trenton Schafer, Graham Klein and Sever, third, 400 free relay, 3:23.49; Goodknight, Cornelius, Graham Klein and Garrett Klein, fifth, 200 medley relay, 1:50.17; Garrett Klein, seventh, 500 free, 5:17.30 and 10th, 200 IM, 2:14.65; Goodknight, seventh, 100 back, 1:02.77 and 10th, 50 free, 24.43; Cornelius, 13th, 50 free, 24.97; Schafer, 15th, 500 free, 5:42.74; Tucker Whitaker, 15th, 100 back, 1:16.24; and Owain Kelsey, 15th, 100 breast, 1:23.51 and 16th, 200 IM, 2:35.83.
Caleb Ridener was the only swimmer from Switzerland County to reach the finals, placing fourth in the 100 backstroke in 59.67. Other finishes for the Pacers were: Seth Burke, Ridener, Derek Hoskins and Harlowe Haines, ninth, 200 medley relay, 2:10.09 and ninth, 200 free relay, 1:56.44; Ridener, 11th, 100 free, 51.66; and Hoskins, 12th, 100 fly, 1:04.65 and 12th, 200 IM, 2:24.19.
Floyd Central won the team championship with 429 points, Seymour was second with 318 and Jeffersonville was third with 281. Madison was fourth with 244, Switzerland was 11th with 67 and Shawe was 13th with 31.
The IHSAA State Finals will be held on Friday at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis.



Submitted
Madison's Camdyn Sever (right) won two sectional championships and the Cubs' John Schutte (left) was named coach of the year for the second time this year at the IHSAA Boys Swim Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Submitted
Senior Ethan Horn is the new career scoring leader at Trimble County.

Horn's big weekend pushes him atop Trimble's all-time scoreboard

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Trimble County senior Ethan Horn scored a total of 60 points in two games late last week to move past Reece Webster into No. 1 on the school's career scoring list.
Horn scored 29 points in a 76-72 overtime loss at Shawe on Thursday and followed that with 31 points in a 61-54 win at Valley on Saturday.
Those points pushed his career scoring total to 1,622 and moved him past Webster's 1,614 points set in 2020. He is one point behind Shelby Wilcoxson for second all-time among Trimble County basketball players, male or female. Lady Raider standout Marcia (Haney) Dunaway holds the girls' career scoring mark with 2,035.
Horn's big weekend came against an opponent that will likely see its own school career scoring mark fall on Tuesday. Shawe's Philip Kahn was unstoppable in two games of his own, scoring 47 points in the win over Trimble County and another 37 in a 72-69 loss at home to Carroll County on Saturday. Kahn was 26-of-33 from the free-throw line in the win over Trimble.
Kahn, a senior, currently has 1,448 points and is just 13 points behind Bob Wolf's Shawe career record of 1,461 and will likely break that mark at Milan on Tuesday in the Hilltop-

pers' regular-season finale. Wolf's record has stood since 1969.
Briar Rucker added 10 points for Trimble in the loss to Shawe while Brayden Wilson had 17 points in the victory over Valley.
Freshman Loren Stiver had 10 points for Shawe against Trimble and added nine points against Carroll. Braiden Smith had 12 points for the Hilltoppers against Carroll.
Landon Groves scored 20 points in Carroll's win over Shawe while Seth Franklin had 19 points and Grayson Kinman scored 11.
Trimble, now 6-22 on the season, closes out the regular season at home against Kentucky Country Day on Monday and at home against Crothersville on Friday.
Shawe, now 9-13 on the season, travels to Milan on Tuesday on its regular-season finale.
Carroll County, now 10-15, heads to Whitefield Academy on Tuesday and hosts Williamstown on Thursday in its final games of the regular season.
CUBS FALL AT TRINITY
Trinity Lutheran outscored Madison 27-20 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 69-65 win in boys basketball on Saturday.
The Cubs took a 45-42 lead into the fourth quarter but could not stop

the Cougars, who ended up shooting 59% from the floor and 14-of-19 from the free-throw line. Madison was just 7-of-32 on 3-point attempts and shot 37% overall.
Mason Davis scored 22 points and Landon True had 21 to lead Madison. Quincy Reynolds and Oscar Gonzalez each added seven.
Madison, now 6-15 on the season, traveled to Columbus East on Monday to make up a game that was postponed on Friday. The Cubs close out the regular season at Switzerland County on Thursday.
TRIMBLE GIRLS SPLIT 2
Trimble County's girls split a pair of games over the weekend.
On Friday, the Raiders lost a close 53-52 contest at home to North Oldham. Addison Edmondson scored 17 points, Ainslie Stark had 11 and Jolie Wilcoxson scored 10.
On Saturday, Trimble defeated Lloyd Memorial 47-44. Edmondson led the way with 15 points while Stark and Kimberly Rodriguez had nine points each.
Trimble, now 14-12 on the season, hosts Woodford County on Tuesday and travels to Oldham County on Friday to close out the regular season.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 BASKETBALL Carroll Co. boys at Whitefield Academy, 7:30 p.m. Shawe boys at Milan, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern boys host Charlestown, 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys at Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. girls host Woodford Co., 7:30 p.m.	FRIDAY, FEB. 23 BASEBALL Hanover vs. Wilmington at Demorest, Ga., noon BASKETBALL Hanover men vs. Transylvania, HCAC Tournament at Anderson, 7 p.m. Hanover women vs. Mount St. Joseph, HCAC Tournament at Transylvania, 7 p.m. Carroll Co. girls host Shelby Co., 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. boys host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. girls at Oldham Co., 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING Madison boys, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 BASKETBALL Carroll Co. girls at Woodford Co., 7:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY, FEB. 22 BASKETBALL Carroll Co. boys host Williamstown, 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys host Madison, 7:30 p.m.	

Craig reaches 1,000 points in Switzerland rout of New Washington

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
Cam Craig missed the first shot he took and then seemingly didn't miss again — scoring 40 points and notching his 1000th career points in the process — in Switzerland County's 76-25 rout of a depleted New Washington squad on Saturday at home.
Craig came into the game needing 32 points to become the sixth player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark and nearly achieved that by halftime. He had 17 points in the first quarter as Switzerland built a 23-3 lead and 27 by halftime. Craig's milestone bucket came on a fast-break layup with 4:53 left in the third quarter.
"It's an honor. It's definitely an honor," said the soft-spoken junior. "I'm so happy to wear a Switzerland County jersey and get 1,000 points."
Craig missed virtually his entire sophomore campaign with a broken foot and reached his 1,000 points in what amounted to just two seasons. Switzerland coach Travis Wrightsman said that his star definitely deserves the honor.
"It's really cool as a coach to see a player who puts in the time and is such a great kid get that accomplishment," Wrightsman said. "He earned it."
New Washington, down three starters due to injuries, wasn't able

to put up much of a fight, especially once Craig got hot. The Pacers star missed a 3-pointer on his first attempt then hit his next seven shots from the floor as Switzerland quickly pulled away.
Craig showcased all of his skills, hitting a pair of 3-pointers and several mid-range jumpers while working his way to the basket, scoring in transition and on free throws.
He finished the game 18-of-25 from the floor, 2-of-6 on 3-pointers and 2-of-2 at the line. He also had 13 rebounds, five steals and three assists in an impressive all-around game.

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Madison, Switzerland grab opening byes for boys basketball tournament

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison and Switzerland County each drew first-round byes for the upcoming IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament which will begin on Feb. 27.

Madison, playing in the Class 3A Sectional at Scottsburg, will face the winner between Salem and Silver Creek in the semifinals on Friday, March 1, while Switzerland County, playing in the Class 2A Sectional at South Ripley, will take on either North Decatur or Milan on March 1.

Shawe and Southwestern will each need to win three games in order to claim a sectional championship. Shawe, playing in the Class A tourney at New Washington, will face Trinity Lutheran in the opening round on Feb. 27. Southwestern, which hosts the Class 2A Sectional, will face Clarksville on Feb. 28.

Across the Ohio River, the KHSAA 31st District Tournament is set to begin at Carroll County on Feb. 26. Trimble County's girls are the No. 2 seed, Carroll County's boys and girls teams are both the No. 2 seeds, and Trimble's boys are the No. 5 seed. Carroll and Trimble will square off in the opening round of the boys tournament.

Pairings are as follows:

**CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 30
at Scottsburg
Tuesday, Feb. 27**
Game 1 — Salem (3-18) vs. Silver Creek (12-8), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 2 — North Harrison (2-18) vs. Scottsburg (17-4), 6 p.m.
Game 3 — Charlestown (11-9) vs. Corydon (10-12), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1
Game 4 — Madison (6-15) vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.
Game 5 — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Championship — Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

**CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 45
at South Ripley
Tuesday, Feb. 27**
Game 1 — North Decatur (12-9) vs. Milan (2-18), 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1
Game 2 — South Ripley (11-9) vs. Hauser (16-5), 6 p.m.
Game 3 — Switzerland Co. (12-7) vs. Winner Game 1, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Championship — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.

**CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 46
at Southwestern
Tuesday, Feb. 27**
Game 1 — Eastern (Pekin) (10-11) vs. Providence (16-3), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 2 — Clarksville (8-12) vs. Southwestern (19-3), 6 p.m.
Game 3 — Henryville (7-13) vs. Brownstown (19-4), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Game 4 — Austin (7-14) vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.
Game 5 — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Championship — Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

**CLASS 1A SECTIONAL 62
at New Washington
Tuesday, Feb. 27**
Game 1 — Crothersville (6-15) vs. New Washington (4-17), 6 p.m.
Game 2 — Shawe (9-13) vs. Trinity Lutheran (10-10), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Game 3 — Rising Sun (5-16) vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.
Game 4 — Medora (8-11) vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Championship — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.

**KHSAA 31ST DISTRICT
at Carroll Co.
Monday, Feb. 26**
Girls Game 1 — Carroll Co. (9-18) vs. Henry Co. (10-16), 6 p.m.
Boys Game 1 — Carroll Co. (10-15) vs. Trimble Co. (6-22), 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Girls Game 2 — Gallatin Co. (13-12) vs. Eminence (9-15), 6 p.m.
Boys Game 2 — Henry Co. (13-14) vs. Eminence (4-19), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Girls Game 3 — Owen Co. (11-14) vs. Winner Girls Game 1, 6 p.m.
Boys Game 3 — Gallatin Co. (17-11) vs. Winner Boys Game 1, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 29
Girls Game 4 — Trimble Co. (14-12) vs. Winner Girls Game 2, 6 p.m.
Boys Game 4 — Owen Co. (16-12) vs. Winner Boys Game 2, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Girls Championship — Winner Girls Game 3 vs. Winner Girls Game 4, 6 p.m.
Boys Championship — Winner Boys Game 3 vs. Winner Boys Game 4, 8 p.m.

Pacers' Rose falls to eventual champion in state finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County junior Gabe Rose saw his season end with a loss to the eventual state champion in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals in Evansville on Friday.

Rose, the first-ever Switzerland grappler to earn a berth in the state finals, faced off against undefeated Easton Doster of New Haven and the junior lived up to his billing. Doster (39-0) dispatched Rose by a 19-4 technical fall in 4:21 before claiming three more wins by decision to win the championship at 144 pounds.

Rose finishes the season with a 24-8 record to lead a Switzerland program that is on the rise. The Pacers had four wrestlers reach the semistate for the first time in school history and bring virtually everybody back for next season.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
• Southwestern junior varsity boys basketball lost 59-43 at Scottsburg on Thursday.
Landon Higgins had 14 points and Kaedon Higgins had 12 for the Rebels. Southwestern travels to Charlestown on Tuesday.
• Carroll County defeated Shawe 50-40 in junior varsity boys basketball on Saturday.
Cavaan Hambrick had 11 points for the Hilltoppers and Tate Wiczorek added six.
Shawe travels to Milan on Tuesday and Carroll heads to Whitefield Academy.
• Shawe picked up two wins over Switzerland County in junior high girls basketball on Thursday.
Shawe won the seventh grade game 36-22. Brylee Liter had 16 points and Robbi Alderman seven for the Hilltoppers.
Shawe won the eighth grade game 36-35. Alderman had 11 points and Juliet Gardner eight for the Hilltoppers. Madison Spilman had 17 points, 11 steals and six rebounds for Switzerland and Ashlyn Jesop had nine points, 10 rebounds and five assists.
• Trimble County jayvee girls basketball defeated Lloyd Memorial 32-29 on Saturday.
Ainslie Stark had 13 points and Kendra Mahoney seven for the Raiders. Trimble hosts Woodford County on Tuesday.
• The Madison Cubs Baseball Clinic will be held March 9-10 at Gary O'Neal Field.
The clinic is open to children grades first through eighth. The clinic for first and second graders will run from 1-2:30 p.m., third through fifth from 2:30-4 p.m. and sixth through eighth from 4-5:30 p.m.
Cost is \$25 and all campers will receive a T-shirt.
• Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department baseball and softball leagues are now being accepted.
Leagues for children ages three through 12 are available. Cost is \$30 for the first child in each family, \$24 for the second child and \$20 for third or more. Deadline is March 27 and all applications received by that date are guaranteed a roster spot.

Nets fire coach Vaughn with team in 11th place at the All-Star break

**BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP BASKETBALL WRITER**
Jacque Vaughn's strong work guiding the Brooklyn Nets earned him a contract extension at last season's All-Star break.
Just a year later, the Nets fired Vaughn after a 50-point loss in his final game, their worst since moving to Brooklyn.
The Nets announced Vaughn's departure Monday and said an interim coach would be named soon.
The Nets dropped five of their last six games before the break to fall to 21-33, putting them in 11th place in the Eastern Conference. Their 136-86 loss to the Celtics on Wednesday was their worst defeat since leaving New Jersey in 2012 and the second-worst in franchise history, and leading scorer Mikal Bridges seemed particularly frustrated in his postgame comments.

Scottsburg pulls away in 2nd half to beat Southwestern 71-48 in top 5 showdown

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
SCOTTSBURG — Southwestern did its best to hang with Scottsburg in the first half but the powerful Warriors used their length and experience to overwhelm the Rebels and roll to a 71-48 win on Saturday in a matchup of top five teams.
Southwestern, ranked fifth in Class 2A, entered halftime trailing by only five points to feel pretty good about its position. But the Warriors, ranked third in Class 3A, had other ideas and scored 40 points over the final 16 minutes to turn the game into a rout.
“We talked about going in their length in that zone. And if you're not careful with the ball, they force a lot of turnovers,” Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum said. “With the way that they score offensively, we have to get a shot every time we shoot. I believe we were 50% from the field so offensively we were fine. We've just you got to get more shots against them.”
Southwestern (19-3) finished the game shooting 51% from the floor — including 7-of-14 from behind the arc — but that wasn't nearly enough against a Scottsburg team that scored seemingly at will, especially in the second half.
Scottsburg (17-4) shot 59% overall and hit 11-of-23 3-pointers. The Warriors also were 8-of-9 at the free-throw line to just 1-of-2 by Southwestern.

Still, the Rebels were in the game until the midway point of the third quarter. But turnovers ultimately doomed Southwestern. The Rebels committed just 13 turnovers on the night, but each one seemed to come at just the wrong time.
“They do a good job of extending that zone to make it so if you're shoot-

ing from the top or shoot from deep, you have to really move without the ball,” Nussbaum said. “In the second half, we got a lot better at doing that. I felt like at the end, we got more comfortable against it, but at the end of the day, we need to take care of the ball.”
Despite the loss, Nussbaum was pleased with the game. With a possible showdown with Class 2A No. 2 Brownstown waiting in the sectional, Southwestern needed this type of game to prepare.
“This is the perfect team to face going into a sectional, win or lose. It was an opportunity for us to go against a team that has a similar type of game as some of the teams that we're going to have to try to beat,” Nussbaum said.
“It always sucks to lose. But it's a game that we can definitely learn from and get better from.”
Jamison Lewis scored 17 points to lead Southwestern while Braxton Lewis had 13 points and Landon Kidwell scored eight.
Kody Clancy had 21 points, Wyatt Zellers had 16 points and seven rebounds, Dare Bowles had 14 points and Garrett Boling scored 12 for Scottsburg. Former Madison Cub Jack Miller had eight points and six assists for the Warriors.
On Friday, Southwestern braved the snow to travel to Austin and came away with a 72-60 win. Jamison Lewis had 22 points, Kidwell scored 21 and Peyton Cloud had 16.
Southwestern closes out the regular season at Charlestown on Tuesday. The Rebels will then host the Class 2A Sectional Tournament beginning on Feb. 27. Southwestern will face Clarksville in the opening round on Wednesday, Feb. 28.



Above right: Southwestern's Jamison Lewis (33) attempts to fight his way through Scottsburg's Jack Miller (11) and Wyatt Zellers (20) during Thursday's matchup in Scottsburg.
Right: Southwestern's Peyton Cloud (3) fires a 3-pointer during the Class 2A No. 5 Rebels' 71-48 loss at Class 3A No. 3 Scottsburg on Thursday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Men open HCAC Tourney with win over Rose-Hulman

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover gutted out a 62-58 win over Rose-Hulman in the opening round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament on Sunday at Collier Arena on campus.
Hanover held a 10-point lead late in the first half but the game was played within two possessions for most of the final 15 minutes. Although the Panthers never trailed in the second half, their largest lead in the final 11 minutes was four points. Two free throws each by Max Greenamoyer and Ty Houston in the final 10 seconds finally sealed the win.
Houston finished with 16 points and seven rebounds to lead Hanover while Coleman Sater had 12 points and seven rebounds. C.J. Walls scored 11 points off the bench for the Panthers.
On Friday, Hanover got a three-point play by Cam Freeman with two seconds to play to defeat Mount St. Joseph 71-70 in a game that sealed the No. 3 tourney seed for the Panthers.
Freeman had 19 points to lead Hanover while Sater had 15 points and Houston scored 13. William Herald and Walls added nine points each off the bench.
Hanover, now 17-9, will face No. 2 seed Transylvania in the

HCAC semifinals at Anderson on Friday. The championship game will be held on Saturday.
WOMEN CLAIM NO. 2 SEED
Hanover women's basketball defeated Mount St. Joseph 63-55 at home on Friday to clinch the No. 2 seed in the HCAC Tournament.
The Panthers finished the campaign with a 16-2 league record with their only losses coming to undefeated and defending national champion Transylvania.
Sammy Berman scored 18 points to lead four Hanover players in double figures. Katherine Benter had 14 points and seven rebounds, Kady Clancy had 11 points and eight rebounds and Taylor Heath scored 10 points.
Hanover, now 18-7 on the season, received an opening-round bye and will face Mount St. Joseph again on Friday in the HCAC semifinals at Transylvania's Beck Center in Lexington, Kentucky.
SWIM TEAMS PLACE 6TH
Hanover's swim teams both placed sixth in the HCAC Championships at Rose-Hulman that culminated on Saturday.
Franklin won the women's title with 945 points while Hanover scored 146. Rose-Hulman won the men's crown with 881.5

points and Hanover had 117.
Results for the Hanover women were: Lucy Schoenlein, Amelia Austin, Aidah Shuttleworth and Alaina Simmons, fourth, 400 medley relay, 4:34.93, sixth, 200 free relay, 1:53.46, sixth, 400 free relay, 4:10.12 and sixth, 200 medley relay, 2:02.25; Austin, seventh, 100 breast, 1:16.88; Schoenlein, eighth, 500 free, 5:36.40, ninth, 1650 free, 20:10.74 and 10th, 200 free, 2:08.09; Simmons, ninth, 100 back, 1:07.62 and ninth, 200 back, 2:29.28; and Shuttleworth, 12th, 100 breast, 1:20.31.
Results for the Hanover men were: Boaz Hoffer, Charlie Weida, Chet Paulsen and Calum Buchanan, fifth, 200 medley relay, 1:46.40, sixth, 400 free relay, 3:23.70 and sixth, 200 free relay, 1:32.02; Buchanan, eighth, 100 fly, 52.84; and Paulsen, ninth, 200 free, 1:46.98, 10th, 1650 free, 17:57.99 and 11th, 500 free, 4:59.72.
MEN'S TRACK WINS AT MSJ
Hanover men's track & field team victory in the Mount St. Joseph Indoor Invitational on Saturday.
The Panther men had three individual winners and scored 93 points to edge host Mount St. Joseph by 12 points. The Hanover women scored 110 points and placed second to

Thomas More's 203.
Hanover's Ethan Weston won the men's one-mile run in 4:33.58, Sean Woods won the men's pole vault at 13 feet, 5.5 inches and the men's 800-meter relay team won in 1:33.57. Nina Jazdzewski won the women's pole vault at 10 feet-even.
Other top finishes for the Hanover men were: Conner Watson, second, 3000 run, 9:01.40; Grady Shay, second, 60 hurdles, 8.93; Luke Hommel, third, 60 hurdles, 10.69; and Alex Bower, third, high jump, 5-10.75.
Other top finishes for the Hanover women were: Aliza Boles, second, pole vault, 9-0.25; Adair Dooley, second, 1-mile run, 5:43.19; 800 relay, second, 2:03.36; Gracie Henson, third, 400 dash, 1:09.42; Jessie Stenger, third, shot put, 42-9.5 and third, weight throw, 44-6.75; Hanna Whitney, third, 1-mile run, 5:43.58; Ally McGuire, third, pole vault, 8-6.25; Lauren Todd, third, 3000 run, 11:50.76; Kaelyn King, third, 60 hurdles, 10.29; and Kennadi Lakins, third, high jump, 4-7.
Hanover competes in the HCAC Championships at Rose-Hulman on Saturday.
MEN'S LACROSSE BEATS WILMINGTON
Hanover men's lacrosse hammered Wilmington 23-2 at home

on Saturday.
Five Panthers had multi-goal games led by Colin O'Brien with five goals and three assists on the afternoon. Alex Kleinhelter had four goals and five assists, Owen Parker and Ethan Abdoo had three goals and two assists each and Zach Stone had three goals and an assist.
Goalies Lance Guttormson, Jackson McKeigue and Matthew Hillard combined for three saves.
Hanover, now 1-1 on the season, hosts Concordia on Saturday.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO BETHEL
Hanover women's lacrosse suffered a 17-7 loss at home to Bethel on Saturday.
The Panthers led 3-1 after the first quarter and trailed only 8-6 at the half. But Bethel outscored Hanover 9-1 in the second half for the win.
Taylor McNally-Henriksen had three goals and an assist for Hanover while twin sister Masi McNally-Henriksen also had three goals. Hannah Wagner added a goal for the Panthers and goalie Marissa Bardo had eight saves.
Hanover, now 0-2 on the season, hosts Huntingdon on Saturday and travels to Waynesburg next Monday.

Points records fall at NBA All-Star Game

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER
INDIANAPOLIS — The NBA wanted more competition. It got more points instead — more than ever before.
And once again, the All-Star Game was all offense.
All-Star MVP Damian Lillard of the Milwaukee Bucks scored 39 points and the Eastern Conference beat the Western Conference 211-186 on Sunday night, with the winners putting up the most points in the game's 73-year history. The previous mark: 196 by the West in 2016.
“We had fun,” East captain Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Bucks said.
It was a flurry of records: The total points of 397 smashed the record of 374 set in 2017, while the East made 42 3-pointers to break the mark of 35 set by Team LeBron in 2019. The sides combined for 193 points in the first half to break the any-half record of 191 set last year, and the East tied an any-half record by scoring 104 by intermission.
Jaylen Brown of the Boston Celtics had 36 and Tyrese Haliburton from the hometown Indiana Pacers finished with 32 for the East, while Antetokounmpo had 23 and Jayson Tatum finished with 20.
“To be able to have this kind of accomplishment, it's special,” Lillard said.
Perhaps unnoticed: Karl-Anthony Towns of the Minnesota Timberwolves scored 50 points for the West in just 28 minutes. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander of the Oklahoma City Thunder scored 31 points for the West.
“The shot-making from the

East was incredible,” West forward Kevin Durant said. “Hard to play defense when somebody's shooting 30-, 40-footers over you.”
The West scored a ton of points, too: At 186, it had the fourth-most by any team in All-Star history. And obviously, the most ever in a loss.
Among the other records:
• The East tried 97 3-pointers; the previous record was 90 by Team LeBron in 2019.
• The teams combined for 66 3s made and 168 3s attempted (previous records were 62 and 167 in 2019).
• The teams combined for 163 field goals made and 289 attempted (previous records were 162 in 2017 and 286 in 2016).
“Obviously, it wasn't high intensity, at all,” Haliburton said.
Lillard made some history, too. He defended his 3-point shootout title on Saturday night — then won MVP on Sunday night. The only other player to win a Saturday event and All-Star MVP in the same weekend was Michael Jordan in 1988, when he won the dunk contest as well as the MVP trophy.
“Dame put on a show,” Tatum said, “and I was happy for him.”
The highlights were from everywhere. Lillard pulled up from halfcourt in the third quarter — swish. Luka Doncic tried a shot from about 70 feet late in the first half; it hit near the top of the backboard. Towns even threw an alley-oop to Stephen Curry; the Warriors star is much more of a shooter than a dunker, so he simply laid it in instead.
The only drama in the fourth was about the record — and really, that wasn't in doubt. The East

had 160 points through three quarters, only needing 37 more to set the team All-Star record.
Brown's 3-pointer with 1:54 left broke the mark, giving the East 197. Haliburton made the shot that sent a scoreboard to the 200-point mark for the first time in any sort of official NBA history, connecting from deep with 1:27 left.
Lillard said the East wanted the record.
“Everybody was asking what the record was,” Lillard said. “We found out and went after it.”
And Lillard ended it in style — a 44-footer to close the scoring. He made 11 3-pointers on the night, with the official distance of those recorded at 347 feet. A typical NBA 3-pointer is 24 or 25 feet; Lillard averaged 31 ½ feet on his 3s Sunday night.
Durant said he was watching Lillard on the West bench while sitting with the Los Angeles Clippers' Kawhi Leonard. “We were in awe,” Durant said.
Defense was optional, sometimes accidental. There were 14 steals, most of those coming off wayward passes. And there were even three blocked shots.
Otherwise, it was shooting practice. And the tone was set quickly — Haliburton had five 3-pointers in a wild span of just 1:32 in the first quarter, helping the East take a 53-47 lead after the opening 12 minutes.
NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and other league executives were seeking a more competitive All-Star Game after last season's 184-175 matchup was widely panned — and television ratings plummeted.
Even Hall of Famer Larry Bird,

honored Sunday at the NBA Legends Brunch, said was hoping the message from the league resonated and players took the All-Star Game a little more seriously.
“I know what this league's all about and I'm very proud of it,” Bird said. “I'm proud of today's players. I like the game they play. ... I think it's very important when you have the best players in the world together, you've got to compete and you've got to play hard and you've got to show the fans how good they really are.”
They might not have competed the way Bird wanted — but they showed the fans plenty about how good they are.
It had a big-game, Finals-type atmosphere — but obviously, nothing near a playoff feel. Donovan Mitchell threw a 50-foot inbounds pass underhand, Bam Adebayo inbounded a ball off Nikola Jokic's backside before dribbling downcourt and making a 3, and Devin Booker went through pregame with a hat on backwards.
Fun was had, and LeBron James — in his 20th All-Star Game, extending his record — said there was one big takeaway.
“The good thing that came out of tonight is none of the players were injured,” James said. “Everybody came out unscathed.”
Except the scoreboard, perhaps.
UP NEXT
The 74th NBA All-Star Game is scheduled for Feb. 16, 2025, at Chase Center in San Francisco, the home of the Golden State Warriors. It'll be the first time for the game in the Bay Area since 2000.

4-time champion pitcher Gullett dies at 73

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Don Gullett, a standout major league pitcher who played for four consecutive World Series champions in the 1970s, died on Wednesday. He was 73.
The Cincinnati Reds, New York Yankees and Baseball Hall of Fame all paid tribute to Gullett in social media posts. There was no information provided on his death, but the Cincinnati Enquirer reported he had recent health issues.
Gullett went 109-50 with a 3.11 ERA in nine seasons with the Reds and Yankees. The left-hander had 44 complete games, 14 shutouts and 11 saves in 266 career games.
He was inducted into the Reds' Hall of Fame in 2002.
“Don Gullett, the best athlete and competitor I ever saw or played with! He will be missed,” former Reds catcher Johnny Bench posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.
Gullett, a native of Lynn, Kentucky, was selected by Cincinnati in the first round of the 1969 amateur draft. He was 19 when he made his major league debut in April 1970 — with Bench behind the plate.
Gullett helped Cincinnati win the World Series in 1975 and '76, going 26-7 for the Big Red Machine with a 2.68 ERA and 12 complete games in 45 appearances combined over those two seasons.
He then signed with New York in free agency, and the Yankees won it all in '77 and '78. He went 18-6 with a 3.59 ERA in 30 starts during his two years with New York.
Gullett retired after the 1978 season. He went on to coach in the Reds organization.
“Don dedicated 24 years to this franchise as a player, coach and minor league instructor,” Reds owner Bob Castellini said in a team post on X. “An anchor on the pitching staff of one of the greatest baseball teams in history, his contributions to our rich tradition, our city and his community will never be forgotten.”

Some wonder if NBA scoring spree is a good thing

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER
INDIANAPOLIS — There was a week in January unlike almost any other in NBA history. Joel Embiid scored 70 and Karl-Anthony Towns scored 62 one night, followed four days later by Luka Doncic scoring 73 and Devin Booker scoring 62.
That's four 60-point games in five days — something the league hadn't seen since 1962. There had been entire decades where the NBA didn't see that many 60-point outings by players.
“That's just where the state of the league is right now,” said the Los Angeles Lakers' Anthony Davis, one of the top contenders this season for defensive player of the year.
Defense wasn't really played in the All-Star Game, which explains why the Eastern Conference scored a record 211 points and the game saw nearly 400 points combined on Sunday night. Points couldn't have been easier to come by.
But in the regular season — although some might dispute this — defense does get played. And points just keep piling up anyway with the NBA on pace to see its highest-scoring season in more than 50 years with teams averaging more than 115 points per game, up about 1% from last year and up a staggering 15.5% from where it was a decade ago.

“It makes the layperson look back and say, what's going on? In one year, did they get that much better or is it harder to defend or are they not playing defense?” Milwaukee coach Doc Rivers said. “And I can tell you the guys are playing defense. But it is harder to defend with the rules.”
Rivers, Minnesota coach Chris Finch and others in the league expect that the NBA will try to help defenses next season by allowing them to do a little bit more. It has been discussed at the league level. What that means, nobody really knows for certain.
But many of the rule tweaks in recent years — giving offensive players more freedom of movement is the one most players cite — seem to have made the task of scoring a bit easier.
“I hate to say it,” Cleveland guard Donovan Mitchell said, “but we're really good at what we do.”
Boston's Jaylen Brown said part of the problem is with how the media and others talk about the game. In his view, offense is all that anybody seems to tout.
“It kind of seems like it's hard to guard anybody these days,” Brown said. “That's why I give such respect to the ones who are committed to that side of the ball, because right now we just pay attention to the ones who can score the ball. Those are the ones who are considered our best players. We completely ignore

defense like it's not even a part of how good a player is.”
Commissioner Adam Silver doesn't see it that way. He and other NBA executives have insisted that the league wants competitive games and hasn't prioritized huge offensive numbers.
Silver said that's the feedback the league gets from fans as well.
“I think there's a lot happening here, and I've talked to a lot of coaches and a lot of players about it. I think, first of all, the skill level is off the charts,” Silver said. “I think what we're seeing is now in this league, every player at every position has to be able to shoot the basketball. You're seeing this global pool of talent coming into the league, some of the best athletes in the world, who can, frankly, just shoot the lights out.”
Big nights are happening every night, or so it seems. Last season saw 203 instances — a league record, by far — of players scoring 40 points in a game. This season is on pace to see 179 such games, which would be the second-most in NBA history.
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DARRELL BIRD/The Cats' Pause

Antonio Reeves celebrates Kentucky's 70-59 upset of Auburn on Saturday in Auburn, Alabama. He led UK with 22 points.

Kentucky stuns No. 13 Auburn on the Plains

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

AUBURN, Ala. — The Kentucky Wildcats did something just four visiting teams have done since the start of the 2021-22 season: Beat the Auburn Tigers.

No. 22 ranked Kentucky stunned the No. 13 ranked Tigers on Saturday winning 70-59 in a game the Cats never trailed, picking up its most important and arguably most impressive win of the season to date.

“For some reason, we’re better on the road than we are at home,” UK head coach John Calipari said postgame. “Maybe at home, we’re expected to win every game because we’ve won 90 some% of our home games.

“So now you go on the road, and you’ve got no chance of winning and now they play looser, maybe. I don’t know. But we seem to be better on the road than we are at home.”

“Nobody believed that we were gonna win the game,” center Ugonna Onyenso added. “Nobody really believed in us so we came into the game with noting to lose.”

The loss snapped a 16-game home winning streak for the Tigers and knocked Auburn to 42-4 at home since the start of the 2021-22 season.

Kentucky’s win came without starting power forward Tre Mitchell, who did not play because of a shoulder injury. It was the third game he’s missed in Kentucky’s last four as he missed UK’s road win at Vanderbilt and home loss to Gonzaga with a back injury.

Five early points from Rob Dillingham and Antonio Reeves, along with five early Auburn turnovers, helped Kentucky open the game first nine minutes on an 18-9 run.

With 5:12 left in the half, Reeves threw a lob to Adou Thiero, who punched it home with a one-handed slam and drew a foul, pushing Kentucky’s lead to 27-15. From there, Auburn out-scored UK 14-12 for the remainder of the half, but UK still was able to take a stunning 39-29 lead into halftime as it held the Tigers to a 9-for-32 (28.1%) shooting clip from

the field in the opening half.

The Wildcats would push its lead to 47-36 entering the second half’s first media timeout with 14:54 to play but from there Auburn began to climb back.

Auburn used a 7-0 run to cut Kentucky’s lead to 47-42 with 12:31 left to play, but its momentum began to slow after starting forward Jaylin Williams took a hard fall after attempting to dunk over Onyenso and was forced to leave the game with an apparent leg injury.

“He [Williams] and Johni [Broome] are our two best players,” Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. “We were in range when he got hurt.”

Following Williams’ departure with 10:40 to play, UK went on a 7-2 run to take a 58-46 lead into the under-eight timeout and after the break.

Auburn would cut the lead to 10 at 65-54 entering the game’s final media timeout with 3:10 to play and made it 66-59 with 1:40 left, but it would be too little too late as UK closed the game on a mini 4-0 run to secure the victory on the Plains.

UK was led in scoring by Reeves with 22 points. He was joined in double figures by Thiero with 14 and Dillingham with 11.

Chad Baker-Mazara and Johni Broome led the Tigers with 14 points each. The duo was joined in double figures by Denver Jones with 12 points.

Auburn was held to a 30.9% clip from the field, it’s worst shooting performance at home in eight years.

“People said we’re bad defensively. So we came together as one. We can’t let people say things about us and our defense,” Onyenso said. “I loved the energy on defense. It’s all about playing as one. Everyone did their job.”

With the win, UK improved to 18-7 overall and 8-4 in SEC play. Auburn fell to 20-6 overall and 9-4 in conference play.

Kentucky will be back in action Wednesday in Baton Rouge, where it will take on the LSU Tigers at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center (TV: Live on ESPN at 9 p.m.).

Hinson’s 41-point night sends Pitt past Louisville

PITTSBURGH — Blake Hinson scored 27 of his career-high 41 points in the first half and Pittsburgh beat Louisville 86-59 on Saturday.

Hinson’s 27-point mark before the break equaled the Cardinals’ total team output before halftime. Pitt led 37-27 midway as Hinson shot 9 for 14 including 5 for 8 from 3-point range. The Cardinals were 9-for-21 shooting at halftime.

Hinson entered with a career high of 29 points. He finished 14-for-24 shooting and matched his career best with nine 3-pointers.

Hinson started the game

12-points shy of 1,000 points in his Pitt career. He’s the first Panther to score more than 30 points in 27 years. His Saturday total was four points short of the school record 45 set by Don Hennon in the 1957-58 season.

The 41-point effort Saturday put him into a sixth-place tie this season for single-highest-scoring game effort with Wade Taylor IV (Texas A&M), Sherif Gross-Bullcock (Bryant) and Jahmir Brickus (LaSalle). Denver’s Tommy Bruner put up 49 points on Jan. 25 against South Dakota for the nation’s best single-game effort

this year.

Down 18-17 with 8:26 before half-time, Hinson went on a 7-0 run to send Pitt (17-8, 8-6 ACC) into the lead for the remainder. Jaland Lowe and reserve Ishmael Leggett each scored 10.

Kaleb Glenn scored 17 points, Tre White 16, Mike James 13 and Brandon Huntley-Hatfield 12 for Louisville (8-18, 3-12 ACC).

NEXT GAME

Louisville hosts Coach Micah Shrewsberry’s Fighting Irish (9-16, 4-10 ACC) on Wednesday (TV: Live on ESPN at 7 p.m.)

			TUESDAY EVENING											
	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11	
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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		CBS4..	
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8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Crime Nation (N) (P)				News (N)		News	
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Will Trent (SP)		The Rookie (SP)		Good Dr (SP)		News	
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A&E	28	36	James Brown:		James Brown:		James (N)		James (N)		James Brown:		James	
AMC	29	26	(5:30) 4★ My Cousin Vinny				4★ Knives Out ('19) Chris Evans, Daniel Craig.				Movie			
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ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		College Basketball			Basketball Baylor at BYU (N)			Sports..			
FREE	18	40	4★ Toy Story ('95)				4★ Toy Story 2 ('99)				Good Trbl (N)		700Club	
FX	40	28	(5:30) 4★ Captain America: First Av...				4★ Captain Marvel ('19) Brie Larson.				4★ Avengers: En...			
HBO	201	17	(5:55) 4★ Trainwreck ('15)				4★ Sex and the City ('08)				Enthus.. True			
MAX	270	73	(5:10) 4★ Taken 3 ('14)				4★ Charlie Wilson's War			(5:40) 4★ Beatriz at Dinner			Movie	
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41	TwoM.. TwoM..		TwoM.. TwoM..		To Be Announced							
SHOW	221	16	4★ Last Voyage of the Demeter						The Woman		4★ Superpower ('23)			Movie
TMC	233	74	(5:15) 4★ Shuttlecock ('91)				4★ Machine Gun Preacher ('11)				(5:10) 4★ Wolves of War			
TNT	27	43	(5:30) 4★ Godzilla vs. Kong ('21)				4★ Godzilla: King of the Monsters ('19)				(5:45) 4★ The Meg			
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				4★ Mechanic: Resurrection			

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8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Wild Cards (N)		Family Law (N)		News (N)		News	
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Conners	NotDe..	Abbott	Celebr..	Judge (N)		News	
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MAX	270	73	(5:45) 4★ Walk the Line ('05)				4★ Gemini ('17)			(5:35) 4★ Antitrust ('01)		Movie		
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ACROSS

1 "Bro!"

5 Traveled by horse

9 Villain in the Purim story

14 Very quickly

15 "I'll do that right away!"

16 Grilled corncake

17 Sandwich shop

18 Inspiration

19 Grape-bearing plants

20 Rolling in money

23 Long time

24 Opposite of all

25 Carry along

28 Sudden attacks

30 Org. that issues COVID guidelines

33 Lease

34 1983 Streisand title role

35 Tomb raider Croft

36 Having the skills

37 Texas A&M student, for short

38 Afghanistan neighbor

39 Part of a watch mechanism

40 Trickery

41 Captain created by Jules Verne

42 Sneaky

43 Workshop grippers

44 Family car, often

45 Not straight

46 Advanced degree, for short

47 Attitude shift

53 Christmas dinner bird in Britain

54 Actress Perlman

55 Tidy

57 Kindergartener's adhesive

58 Finishes

59 Bullfighter's garment

60 Change

61 Amount of medicine

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28 Officially recorded

29 Reporter's take

30 Gave a rap

31 Serious theater genre

32 Pachelbel's "___ in D Major"

34 Going off course

35 The Electric Slide, for one

43 Superficial exterior

44 Pronoun

45 Stitch

46 Developmental stage

47 Fossil fuel type

48 Throw a party

49 "Eek!"

50 Government employees, slangily

51 Not fake

52 Spigots

53 Student's stat

56 Golf prop

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1 Fully mature

6 Domesticated animals

10 Tire that needs air

14 Indian currency

15 Hard to find

16 Go in haste

17 Make changes to

18 Earth sci.

19 Gross

20 Chicago-style pies

23 Byrnes of TV

24 Hookups administered by an RN

25 R&B singer Foxx

26 Tina of "30 Rock"

27 Sedan, for one

28 Hit the slopes

31 Knight's protective gear

34 Relaxing resort

36 Frequently

38 "Grizzly" animal

39 Light brown

40 Connect

41 What a library does

43 In the style of

44 Rolling dessert trays

45 ___ out a living

46 Fore's opposite

48 Floor cleaner

49 Ballet bend

50 Important time

51 Wisc. clock setting

54 Kentucky's nickname

58 Think ahead

59 Owl's sound

60 Mets catcher Nido

61 Have a landlord

62 Quality of a voice or color

63 Representative

64 Has bills

65 Captain Hook's sidekick

66 Seems to be

DOWN

1 A, B or C

2 Lined, as notebook pages

3 Made a selection

4 Let the tears out

5 More like an egghead

6 Overhead barbell movement

7 A pop

8 Minute Maid competitor

9 Kyle (Catwoman's alter ego)

10 Hair feature that can be tamed with mousse

11 Pixar film set in Italy

12 Poses the question

13 Biblical possessive

21 Wall climber

22 Big nothing

26 Big Three automaker

28 Blend

29 "King Lear" character

30 Signs, slangily

31 Qualified

32 Smell awful

33 Horse's hair

34 Cruise ship accommodations

35 Good friend

37 Envelope part

42 Discount

44 On the shore

47 Boxer's contests

48 "___ Doubtfire" (1993 film)

49 Many fourth-down plays

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Parent wonders whether to bail out daughter

Dear Amy: My daughter is 37 and has been married for 15 years. She and her husband have three boys — ages 13, 10 and 3. She pursued a divorce in the most destructive way possible, by moving a male “friend” (who has three children of his own) into her marital home.

He needed lodging because of his pending divorce. My son-in-law allowed it. Later, when the “friend” moved into his apartment, my daughter moved in with him.

My daughter and son-in-law are now at the point where they need to decide who, if either of them, keeps the house.

Both of them want to buy the other out but will not be able to do so without financial help from my husband and me.

To keep my grandsons in their home, I am inclined to assist my son-in-law instead of my daughter. He has a well-paying job that negates the possibility of foreclosure, while my daughter has just entered the workforce and is making a low wage.

I don't see how she could possibly make house payments.

I am perfectly willing to help my daughter financially in other ways — with rent on an apartment, for instance.

I want what is best for my grandchildren. Should I butt out and let the home be sold and any profit divided

between them? Neither of them will find comparable living space they will be able to afford, and the children having to move and “downgrade” is distressing.

I'm trying to avoid a battle with my daughter, but she will be upset if we help her soon-to-be ex retain the house, no matter what we may offer to her. Butt in or stay out of it?

— Financially Secure
Dear Financially Secure: You are already quite involved in this split, but in my opinion, you should not offer to finance this house. For the time being, in order to keep the children in their home, the couple might

consider “nesting,” which is when the kids stay in the house and the estranged parents trade off staying in the home. You might consider helping with rent on a small nearby apartment where the non-custodial parent will stay during the days the other is in the home with the kids.

Your daughter voluntarily left the home and partnered up with this “friend,” who has children. If she ended up owning the home, she could move this man (and possibly his kids) into the home; marking a major disruption for all of the children.

If you financed the house, you might be tempted to try to control who lives there, embroiling you further in this mess. You can benefit the grandchildren (without interfering) by always welcoming them into your home as a never-changing and stable safe harbor.

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Parents drop loud hints for them to leave

Dear Amy: I'm a 27-year-old woman. My parents are very strong and religious people who are “never wrong.” They hear but do not listen. My fiancé and I asked them if we could move in with them for financial relief while I finished school. We both work from home and have been doing so for more than a year, until he recently got fired from his job.

One of the terms of his contract was to have no background noise, because he worked exclusively over the phone. My parents would consistently yell, laugh and have the TV on at the loudest volume. I asked them to please keep the volume lower. They were very defensive.

My fiancé ended up getting fired from his job, leaving me responsible for all of our finances, as well as some of my parents' bills in the household.

The company did not give a reason, but we are almost certain it was due to the noise issue. I mentioned this to my mother. She immediately disregarded the seriousness of what I was telling her. She also said that she has the right to watch television and talk in her own home.

At no point did I ever tell them they are not allowed to watch TV, laugh, talk, etc. I just asked that they do it at a lower volume. I'm currently not speaking to my mother. My father is upset and is acting as if I committed a crime.

I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place now because we can't afford to move because we only have one income.

The job market may take a while to present an opportunity, and my parents are giving me the silent treatment. They have yet to speak to us or even offer my fiancé an apology for getting him fired from his job. Is there any kind of advice you may be able to offer?

— Bothered!
Dear Bothered!: My perspective is that you may have inherited your mother's defensiveness and poor communication skills, because you didn't seem able to get your folks

to voluntarily cooperate with your wants and needs, which would require them to alter their behavior in their own home. One way to do this would have been to say, “Look, we know this is tough. But the quieter it is for a couple of months, the harder we can work, the more money we can save, and the faster we can be out.” It's their home. Given their own poor communication habits, you could assume that they are deliberately sending you a message: You are an adult pushing 30. Your parents really don't want to provide housing for you and your fiancé. Like your folks, it's possible that you “hear but don't listen.”

Your fiancé should not wait for a job opportunity to present itself. He should take anything he can find (preferably outside the home), and you two should plan your exit.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your creative endeavors may reach the point where you consider seeking a wider audience. When you present ideas to the world you might expect criticism, both good and bad. Learn from the commentary and thrive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Consider how to use your enthusiasm in practical ways. Changing some habits might put you in a better position to improve your bottom line. You might finally understand what someone has been recommending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Something from your past may interfere with your plans for advancement. Hiding the incident may seem easier, but dodging responsibility is always a bad look. Bring the issue out in the open, be accountable, and gain inner power.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Aiming to uplevel your life may require more work and less play or rest over a prolonged period. You might have a good friend or an enthusiastic partner who is eager to help and ready to assist you if needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Getting ahead in the material world may be a top priority on your agenda today, but friends, or a partner, may be energized and enthusiastic for physical activity. Be a good companion and consider going along for the ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Working a room to get contacts and make good impressions may often be necessary. If you face a whisper campaign by people on another path, stand by the truth. Be uplifted by your sense of compassion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If it were only you, little would go wrong, but there are people that might put barriers in your way and try to thwart you for their own reasons. Know yourself, know your competitor, and succeed despite them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be pleasantly surprised by someone's generosity and kindness. Be sure to respond in kind and support those who put their money or their time on the line for your benefit. With the right attitudes, all can prosper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Sometimes breaking the rules may not feel like cheating if you're just trying to get things done. Even when it's not a competition, rules are usually there for a reason. Play it straight so the win can count.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There are usually Capricorns involved in something new. Be prepared for some people you're working with to be pulled away by other commitments without warning. Succeed by staying flexible and resourceful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — While this may potentially be a good time to start something new, the people around you, and a potential partner, might be pulling both of you in opposite directions. Concentrate on what's important for everyone involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — While you'd likely prefer to color inside the lines to achieve your objectives, you may have people jiggling your elbow to push you towards their goals instead of your own. Uphold guidelines to protect your integrity.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Ongoing routines may seem tiresome but are often necessary. Even if your job is amazing you probably will still need to do many of the basics. Get your work area organized to take care of all the relevant details.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You probably have ample reserves of enthusiasm and energy. People may be impressed by your creative ideas and could find you fascinating and alluring. Some sincere praise could influence someone's opinion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Sun Tzu said, “No battle plan survives contact with the enemy.” Don't let your plans and expectations force you into a dead end. Learn to deal with the conditions which exist, not the ones you might prefer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Put the lid on any reckless spending. Saving a few dollars can be well worth the strain of some inconveniences and extra responsibilities. Exercising financial self-discipline can help to set you up for a better future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Chasing around might seem like fun but the social and emotional consequences of less-mindful behavior can accumulate as time goes on. Consider listening to and taking some wise advice before making any wrong moves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Place the focus on fellowship with kindred spirits. Find ways to demonstrate solidarity with people who share your values and interests. Rely on someone's discerning eye and organizational expertise as a helpful resource.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If someone seems to always be inappropriately looking over your shoulder you might need to set up a boundary. An assignment could seem like busy work, but you can likely turn a deficit into an asset.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Trying to find your creative focus may be difficult if unexpected changes disrupt routines. Learn to embrace the new and bring it into your vision. Try not to hide in a shell. Change is, as always, the only constant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Get it in writing, then you can be sure. Your financial expertise may be at a high point, so consider embracing opportunities. Make sure you know who you're dealing with and the extent to which you can trust them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If need be, swallow your pride. You may be too committed to getting something completed and inadvertently step on someone's toes. Behaving with empathy and kindness can make someone happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Before getting involved with a new love interest, carefully evaluate their behavior, especially notice how they deal with power issues. Consider asking friends if they see the person as kind or controlling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You might not react well to some unexpected circumstances; do your best to adapt and go with the flow. Until you are in charge, people you don't agree with will likely remain a necessary part of your life.

Ohio State upsets Purdue in interim coaching debut

Win caps week of turmoil

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State stunned No. 2 Purdue on Sunday in its interim coach's debut, winning 73-69 a day after the NCAA Tournament selection committee picked the Boilermakers as the early favorite to be the No. 1 overall seed during March Madness.

Bruce Thornton scored 22 points and Jamison Battle added 19 points to help Ohio State (15-11, 5-10 Big Ten) pull off the upset in Jake Diebler's first game at the helm.

Chris Holtmann was fired Wednesday after several disappointing seasons. The beleaguered Buckeyes had lost nine of their last eleven games. Purdue (23-3, 12-3) had been favored by 8 1/2 points, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Ohio State fans stormed the court.

"What a resilient group," said Diebler, who was overcome with emotion when he greeted his family on the crowded court. "We have some great young men in there who came together at a high these last few days in a way that I don't know if any of us fully anticipated that they could get to in a short amount of time."

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFERSON D. RUCKER JR., DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Susan Stephens was, on the 13 day of February, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Jefferson D. Rucker Jr., deceased, who died on the 7th day of January, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this February 13, 2024.
/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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Ohio State played with energy from the start, led 35-30 at the break and six minutes into the second half were up by 12.

With the Boilermakers closing down the stretch, it seemed like only a matter of time until Zach Edey took over the game, but it didn't happen.

Lance Jones hit a 3-pointer for Purdue to tie the score at 65 with 1:39 left. But Battle hit a jumper and then, with 34 seconds left, hit a pair of free throws to bump the Ohio State lead to 69-65.

An easy dunk by Edey reduced the deficit to two with 16 seconds left. Running out time, the Boilermakers fouled Thornton, who went to the line and made both foul shots.

Edey finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds, the 58th career double-double for the Purdue star.

But the Boilermakers turned the ball over 14 times, leading to 22 Ohio State points.

"We just need to take care of the ball," Edey said. "We outrebounded them. We got more possessions that way, but we can't let them get on transition. We have to play on a half-court game. ... It's tough to win the game when a team scores 22 points in transition."

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
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CAUSE NO 39D01-2311-DN-1003
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF LORI BEAVEN
Petitioner,
v.
Dominic Beaven
Respondent.
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent: Dominic Beaven
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: 11-21-2023
Tabatha Eblen, Clerk
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Purdue coach Matt Painter was impressed with how the Buckeyes performed after enduring an emotional week that saw the sacking of their much-loved coach.

"That's what you don't know — can you get them down and keep them down, and then like, they go away, which obviously didn't happen. They win the game," he said. "So you know, where's their fight? What's it going to be. I think they answered that. Their fight was great."

BIG PICTURE
Purdue: The Boilermakers couldn't match Ohio State's energy and were derailed on their way to a desired sweep to finish the Big Ten regular season. They had won nine straight and 16 of 17. Their last loss was Jan. 9.

"We fought hard to be in this position," Painter said. "When you say you're going to get everybody's best shot, you think that's kind of a folk tale. But you get everybody's best shot."

Ohio State: A hard week ended in adulation for the Buckeyes.

"We just went out there, had fun and cut loose," Battle said.

UP NEXT
Purdue hosts Rutgers on Thursday night (TV: Live on FS1 at 7 p.m.)

LEGAL
Canaan Utilities Corporation will hold its annual meeting March 12th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the utility office. Business will include the election of four director positions. All members are invited to attend.
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Public Notice
The City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility has issued a draft Industrial permit to SuperATV, a manufacturer of aftermarket parts and accessories for ATVs and UTVs, regulated under Federal Categorical Guidelines for New Source Metal Finishing, 40 CFR 433.17 and the City of Madison Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance, located at 2753 Michigan Road, Madison, Indiana. This permit will be effective fifteen days from the date of this public notice and this public notice initiates the public comment period. A copy of the draft permit is available for review at the City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1213 West 1st Street Madison, Indiana. Comments on the SuperATV draft Permit must be received by February 28, 2024.
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson County Circuit/Superior Court in Cause No. 39C01-2308-MF-000741 wherein German American Bank, was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs and Devises of Patricia C. Box, Breck Box and Town of Hanover, Indiana were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 28th day of March, 2024, at the hour of 10am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. Lot No. Sixty-Six (66) in Kreeger & Hensler Subdivision No. 6 in the Town of Hanover, Jefferson County, Indiana, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 69, in the Recorder's Office of Jefferson County, Indiana. Street Address: 223 Maple Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243
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Sheriff of Jefferson County
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Langborg's 26 points leads Northwestern over IU 76-72

BLOOMINGTON — Ryan Langborg scored 26 points, Matt Nicholson and Nick Martinelli had double-doubles and Northwestern held off a furious Indiana rally to defeat the Hoosiers 76-72 on Sunday.

Northwestern led by seven entering a wild final minute in which the teams combined for 21 points. Indiana scored 12 of those points, the last three coming on a jumper by Mackenzie Mgbako that made it 75-72 with nine seconds left. With five seconds left, Brooks Barnhizer made one of two free throws for a four-point Northwestern lead and Indiana's Anthony Leal missed a 3-point shot as time expired.

The Hoosiers' closing run came up short after they trailed by 16 points near the 6-minute mark. Indiana scored the next 11 points to get within 63-58 and it was 67-60 after the Hoosiers' Kel'el Ware made two free throws with 91 seconds remaining.

Nicholson had 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Wildcats (18-8, 9-6 Big Ten) and Martinelli had 13 and 13. Boo Buie scored 14 points, leaving him four shy of tying John Shurna's school-record of 2,038 career points.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2310-MF-000903 wherein The Farmers Bank of Milton was Plaintiff, and John F. Earls was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 28 day of March 2024, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Jefferson County Jail, 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. In Madison Township: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 10 East, beginning on the east line of said quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 30 at a point 561 feet south of the northeast corner of the said northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 30; thence south on the quarter section line (which is also the Borchering Road), one hundred (100) feet; thence west two hundred (200) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet; thence east two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning, containing 48/100 of an acre, more or less.
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Ware had 22 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks for the Hoosiers (14-11, 6-8). Mgbako scored 20 and Trey Galloway had seven points and 12 assists.

There were six lead changes early, the last coming on a dunk by Nicholson for a 13-12 Wildcats lead. The Wildcats held the lead for the final 10 1/2 minutes of the half and the biggest margin was 11 points after Martinelli hit a pair of free throws with about 3 1/2 minutes remaining. Northwestern led 34-26 at intermission.

Indiana hosts Nebraska on Wednesday (TV: Live on BTN at 8:30 p.m.).

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – 2023-2 CCMG PAVING
Sealed bids will be received by the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, acting by and through the BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at the JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 3135 Clifty Dr, Madison, Madison, Indiana 47250, until **9:00 AM local time, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**, for the JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – 2023-2 CCMG PAVING for the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids received by the time and date specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.
THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A UNIT PRICE BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT SURFACE OVERLAYS OF EXISTING COUNTY ROADS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor for the specific project. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and until September 1, 2024 to achieve Substantial Completion and October 1, 2024 to complete all work for the project. Contractor will be assessed \$300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – 2023-2 CCMG PAVING on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.
The JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.
Madison, Indiana
February 8, 2024
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2309-MF-000808 wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust was Plaintiff, and Carlos E. Jeffrey, Karen S. Jeffrey, Portfolio Recovery Associates and Midland Funding LLC, as successor in interest to Dell Financial Services, LLC as Assignee of Webbank, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 28th day of March, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 S. Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
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Matsuyama closes with 62 to win at Riviera

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Hide-ki Matsuyama set the Riviera record for the lowest closing round by a winner Sunday in the Genesis Invitational, giving the Japanese star another record that means far more to him.

Matsuyama rallied from a six-shot deficit with a 9-under 62, punctuated by consecutive shots inside a foot, to win for the ninth time on the PGA Tour. That breaks the record for Asian-born players he shared with K.J. Choi of South Korea.

Matsuyama finished at 17-under 267 for a three-shot victory over Will Zalatoris (69) and Luke List (68). Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele, best friends playing in the final group, faded in the middle of the back nine and tied for fourth.

It was Matsuyama's first victory since his playoff win at the Sony Open two years ago, after which Shigeki Maruyama sent him a text to remind him of a conversation they once had about becoming the most prolific PGA Tour winner of Asian players.

This one looked unlikely at the start of a final round in which Cantlay had a two-shot lead and looked to be in total control of his game. But it was a struggle from the start for Cantlay, who closed with a 72. Schauffele had 70.

The victory was worth \$4 million from the \$20 million purse and moves Matsuyama to No. 20 in the world. He has 18 wins worldwide, eight on the Japan Golf Tour and the unofficial Hero World Challenge, also hosted by Tiger Woods.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

NAPLES, Fla. — Stephen Ames captured his seventh PGA Tour Champions title Sunday without hitting a shot when the final round of the Chubb Classic was canceled because of a storm system moving across Florida.

Tournament officials originally planned to play only nine holes for the final round at Tiburon Golf Club until a forecast of the storm getting stronger led to the cancellation.

Ames shot an 8-under 64 on Saturday to build a three-shot lead over Rocco Medi-

ate, and he was declared the winner. Ames now has five wins in his last 24 starts on PGA Tour Champions.

Ames finished at 13-under 131 and earned \$270,000. Rocco Mediate, who opened with a 63, was runner-up after a 71 on Saturday. Ernie Els was part of a four-way tie for third. Steven Alker, who won the last two Champions events dating to the end of last season, wound up in a tie for 15th.

OTHER TOURS

LIV Golf player David Puig of Spain had a 61-61 weekend for a two-shot victory in the IRS Prima Malaysian Open. Puig earned one of three spots in the British Open through the International Finals Qualifying series. The other two spots went to Jeunghun Wang,

the runner-up who also closed with a 61, and Denwit Boriboonsub, who tied for third. ... Patty Tavatanakit closed with a 7-under 65 to cap off a dominant victory in the Aramco Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour. The former UCLA star and LPGA major champion won by seven shots over Esther Henseleit. ... David Ravetto of France closed with a 69 for a two-shot victory over Sam Hutsby in the Dimension Data Pro-Am, a tournament co-sanctioned by the Sunshine Tour and Europe's Challenge Tour. ... Daniel Gayle won the Webex Players Series Hunter Valley on the PGA Tour of Australia by closed with a 4-under 60 for a one-shot victory over amateur Phoenix Campbell.

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FROM **PAGE B1**

CARROLL GIRLS FALL AT LUDLOW

Carroll County dropped a 78-74 decision at Ludlow in girls basket-

ball on Thursday.

The Panthers, now 9-18 on the season, traveled to South Oldham on Monday and head to Woodford County on Wednesday. They close out the regular season at home against Shelby County on Friday.

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Photos by David Campbell
Switzerland County junior Cam Craig (33) scored 40 points against New Washington on Saturday to become just the sixth player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

CRAIG

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But Craig was more interested in talking about his team than his own accomplishments.

“It’s a nice little run we’re on so I’m looking forward to keep it rolling,” Craig said. “This was just one of several milestone games.”

Craig scored his 40th point just before the end of the third quarter and although he was just nine points shy of the single-game scoring record, he spent the entire fourth quarter on the bench. With four games next week, Wrightsman was not interested in running up the score.

“I think everybody in the building wanted to see him go for 50 but I wasn’t going to do that,” Wrightsman said.



Switzerland County's Cam Craig is congratulated by teammates after scoring his 1,000th career point on Saturday.

Craig now has 1,008 career points and is well-poised to break the school's career scoring mark of 1,456 set by Brad Burk in 1982. The school's other 1,000-point scorers are Austin Clark (1,194), Nathan Christman (1,155), Damian Breeck (1,108) and Steve

Sebree (1,078).

No other Switzerland player reached double figures in scoring but 10 Pacers total found the scoring column as everybody in uniform got a chance to play. Cooper Todd scored seven points while Kadyn Riley and Isaac Williams each scored six.

Connor Shaffer scored 21 of the Mustangs' 25 points in the loss.

Saturday's game was just the first of an explosive run of contests to end the regular season for Switzerland. Friday's game against Jac-Cen-Del was postponed to Monday meaning the Pacers will play four games in five days. After Jac-Cen-Del, the Pacers travel to Gallatin County on Tuesday, host Madison on Thursday and go to South Dearborn on Friday.

“After last night's game was postponed, we took a team vote with the upper-classmen about taking away a game and all of them said they wanted to play four games next week,” Wrightsman said. “It's a testament to a those guys that they want to get out and play. So we're gonna play Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and see what happens.”

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FINANCE

Why talking about money is crucial in a relationship

By **RENÉ BENNETT**
Bankrate.com (TNS)

Money is one of the most common sources of conflict in a relationship. So it should come as no surprise that a recent Bankrate survey found that well over one-third (42 percent) of Americans in a relationship have kept a financial secret from their partner.

Keeping money-related secrets, or avoiding talking about money altogether, can lead to resentment, mistrust and ultimately the end of a relationship. Here’s how you can approach the topic with your significant other and how it can help your relationship.

Financial secrets: By the numbers

Of those who are married or living with a partner, a substantial number reported keeping a financial account of which their partner had no knowledge, Bankrate’s financial infidelity survey found. Listed below are various such accounts and the percentage who are currently keeping them secret from their partner, or who have done so in the past:

- Savings account: 19 percent-age
- Checking account: 17 percent-age
- Credit card account: 18 percentage

Additionally, respondents reported keeping the following situations or behaviors from their partners, either currently or in the past:

- Spending more money than their partner would be fine with: 31 percentage
- Keeping any amount of debt secret from their partner: 24 percentage

Why couples keep secrets

Among survey respondents who keep a financial secret from their partner now, or who did in the past, below is a breakdown of reasons given, along with the percentages who selected them. (Respondents were able to select more than one answer.)

- They desired privacy or the ability to control their own finances (37 percent)
- They didn’t feel the need to share, or it never came up (33 percent)
- They felt embarrassed about money management habits (28 percent)
- They didn’t share out of concern the relationship might end poorly (17 percent)
- They didn’t trust their partner with money (14 percent)
- They kept a financial secret due to money being used



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to support an addiction such as gambling, drugs or alcohol (11 percent)

The importance of communicating

Talking about money is essential because it helps ensure that both partners are on the same page when it comes to finances. Many couples have shared goals and bank accounts and may depend on one another financially.

According to a survey by Fidelity, about one-fifth of couples say money is their greatest relationship challenge, and 44 percent say they argue about money at least occasionally.

But those numbers vary when communication is factored in. Of those who say they communicate well about finances, 84 percent say money is not their greatest relationship challenge. Only 59 percent of those who didn’t report good communication say the same.

Whether you’re discussing debt, saving for retirement or deciding how much to spend on a vacation, being open and honest about financial goals and concerns can help you make better decisions together.

Moreover, talking about money can strengthen trust and prevent misunderstandings. It’s easier to avoid unnecessary fights – say, about a surprise expense on your bank statement – when financial decisions and needs have been clearly communicated.

How to talk about finances

We’re often taught that money is a private matter. Talking about it can feel taboo, creating discomfort or fear of judgment when discussing finances. It might be helpful to begin by opening up about those fears or discomforts.

“Before actually talking about money, express what’s going on when you think about the act of having that conversation with someone,” says Tara Unverzagt, CFP, CFT-I, founder of South Bay Financial Partners in Torrance, California. “Often people are scared, feel shame or guilt, etc.”

Getting those feelings out can make the conversation more comfortable and honest.

If it’s your first time having a serious conversation about finances in the relationship, it’s a good idea for each partner to lay out their individual financial situations.

“Starting with a net worth statement that shows assets and liabilities allows for both spouses to understand where they are starting from on a factual basis,” says Tim Melia, CFP, MBA, founder of Embolden Financial Planning in Seattle. “This is really important when one spouse deals more with the finances than the other.”

As your finances become more entwined, both partners can work together to ensure that important money conversations are had regularly and decisions are made with mutual understanding. One way to keep those conversations active is to create and follow a

budget together, says Jamie Lima, CFP, CDFP, founder of Woodson Wealth Management in Ramona, California.

“Work together to create a budget that reflects both of your financial goals and priorities,” he says. “This will help ensure that you’re both on the same page when it comes to managing your money.”

In addition to a budget, setting goals together can be valuable for maintaining financial communication. “Whether it’s saving for a down payment on a house or paying off debt, setting financial goals together can help you stay motivated and focused on your shared future,” Lima says.

If you find yourselves with many shared bills, expenses and savings goals, it may also be worthwhile to consider opening a joint bank account.

Bottom line

Talking about money in a relationship can come with a lot of baggage, but it’s crucial for building trust, understanding and a healthy financial future. Couples who have good communication about money have fewer fights about the topic and may be less likely to feel the need to keep secrets from one another. As you become more comfortable talking about finances in the relationship, you can strengthen your bond and make headway in your shared financial goals.

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Jerome Powell to rates traders: I told you so

By **JONATHAN LEVIN**
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The bond market is selling off again, but Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts haven’t been canceled – perhaps just delayed.

The latest market tantrum came after the Labor Department reported that its core producer price index increased 0.5 percent in January from a month earlier, exceeding the consensus estimate of 0.1 percent. In the fed funds futures market, the data brought the expected odds of a May rate cut down to about 1-in-3. In all of 2024, the futures market now expects about three rate reductions, down from the six (and at one point nearly seven) that were implicitly expected in January.

It’s worth recalling that policymakers never told us to expect 150 basis points of easing this year. In the December Summary of Economic Projections, the median policymaker projected three moves in 2023, and the most sensible option was to simply take the projections at face value. Now, the market is finally doing just that.

As I wrote in January, month-to-month inflation data is inherently volatile (and sometimes outright fluky). Even in an environment of sustained disinflation, it was inevitable that we would get a few quirky reports from time to time that would force “data-dependent” policymakers to err on the side of caution. That’s why I always thought it was crazy to expect the Fed to start cutting rates in March and then – as market pricing implied back in January – cut at almost every meeting thereafter. There were always going to be bumps along the way.

Friday’s key example: portfolio management, which added about seven basis points to core PPI.

As Inflation Insights LLC President Omair Sharif wrote before the report, one of the key items that the portfolio management inflation index captures are management fees (calculated as basis points times fund value.) The long and the short of it is that portfolio “inflation” tends to be strong after the US stock market does well. The precise timing of the “inflation” depends on reporting conventions (some funds report monthly and others quarterly), but Sharif correctly projected that we’d see major portfolio inflation on the back of the S&P 500’s strong fourth quarter. That doesn’t seem like something the Fed should worry about!

The portfolio management head-scratcher comes on the back of Tuesday’s higher-than-expected 0.4 percent month-on-month increase in the core consumer price index, half of which came from a hard-to-explain 18 basis-point contribution from the “owners equivalent rent of primary residence” category. Not only was this inconsistent with the clear cooling in market rents, but it was also extremely out of line with the trend in CPI “rent of primary residence” – a category that’s conceptually very similar and has almost always tracked OER. That sure looks like noise, not signal.

What’s more, I suspect there’s a chance that some of the strength in other categories, including medical care services, may stem from excess seasonality. Government statisticians attempt to adjust for month-to-month seasonal patterns in their data, but doing so has been extremely hard in the volatile post-pandemic economy. It may be that some firms – including hospitals and insurers – may have used the first month of the new year to get in one last round of price hikes to recapture profit margins squeezed by past inflation. A last hurrah, if you will.

Certainly, I take Friday’s PPI and Tuesday’s higher-than-expected consumer price index reports seriously, and I believe that policymakers will too. But Fed Chair Jerome Powell had already effectively taken March rate cuts off the table, leaving the next truly “live meeting” for April 30-May 1. By that time, policymakers will have two more months of data which may well show that January was a fluke.

It’s also possible that the “excess seasonality” issue could drag on throughout the first quarter, leaving policymakers with a streak of less-than-great reports and delaying the first cut until, say, July. Even then, there would be plenty of time for policymakers to deliver the three cuts that they always told us to expect. The main problem is: many people didn’t want to listen.

The ‘yours, mine and ours’ school of budgeting

By **TED ROSSMAN**
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‘You bought what? And it cost how much?’

Be honest: Have you ever been called out by your spouse for spending too much? Or maybe you’ve been the one to bristle at a fresh batch of shopping bags brought home by your better half?

Bankrate’s latest financial infidelity survey revealed that 30 percent of U.S. adults who are married or living with a romantic partner have spent more than their spouse/partner would be okay with. That makes secret spending the most common form of financial infidelity, a broader category that also includes secret debt (23 percent), secret savings accounts (19 percent), secret credit cards (18 percent) and secret checking accounts (17 percent).

The most common explanation among those who have committed financial infidelity is “privacy/a desire to control my own finances.” But even this well-intentioned explanation can drive a wedge into relationships, making it important to find a way to maintain some financial independence, while also working toward shared financial goals. The “yours, mine and ours” approach could be the answer.

How ‘yours, mine and ours’ works

The concept is pretty simple: “Yours, mine and ours” budgets are made up of a mix of joint and separate financial accounts. Each member of the couple gets an agreed-upon amount of money that they can spend as they wish, while the rest of the funds – usually the majority – are combined into one account to pay joint household expenses.

The key is to agree upon the specific parameters ahead of time. For instance, you might designate a certain sum, such as \$100 per pay period, for individual spending outside of your shared account. Or maybe it’s a percentage. Whatever you decide, it’s crucial to be on the same page.

When one person squirrels money away without the other’s knowledge, that’s financial infidelity.

Agreeing that you each have some money that’s yours and yours alone can be a healthy way to foster independence and nip financial squabbles in the bud. You no longer have your spouse or partner looking over your shoulder and questioning how much you spent on nights out with friends, video games, new shoes . . . you get the idea.

How different generations view money and relationships

Our survey found that “yours, mine and ours” is the most common arrangement among Gen Xers (ages 44 to 59) and millennials (ages 28 to 43) who are married or living with a romantic partner, at 40 percent and 36 percent, respectively.

In comparison, 36 percent of Gen Xers and 33 percent of millennials completely combine their finances with their spouse or partner, while 24 percent and 32 percent, respectively, keep their finances completely separate. So although financial arrangements are a pretty mixed bag, the “yours, mine and ours” approach leads the way.

Baby boomers (ages 60 to 78) are the most likely generation to fully combine their finances with their spouse or partner (44 percent). A mix of joint and separate accounts is close behind (40 percent), with only 16 percent opting for the completely separate approach.

Gen Zers (ages 18 to 27), by contrast, are the most likely to keep their money completely separate from their spouse or partner (38 percent). Some 34 percent of Gen Zers in live-in romantic relationships fully combine their finances, while 28 percent have a mix of joint and separate accounts.

Adding all of the generations together, 39 percent of U.S. adults who are married or living with a partner completely combine their finances, 38 percent have a mix of joint and separate accounts and 24

percent keep their finances entirely separate.

Does how much you make affect how you manage your money?

Slicing by income, “yours, mine and ours” is the most common approach for couples in all but the lowest income bracket (those earning less than \$50,000 per year). Among that group, “yours, mine and ours” is a distant third, but in every other income range (\$50,000 to \$79,999, \$80,000 to \$99,999 and \$100,000+), “yours, mine and ours” came in slightly ahead of fully joint accounts, with complete financial separation a distant third.

The bottom line

While every couple should make its own decisions, I think there’s a lot to like about the “yours, mine and ours” approach. Money is one of the biggest sources of conflict in relationships, and carving out some funds that are entirely yours can give you a greater sense of autonomy and limit resentment.

Whatever you decide, make sure you and your partner agree upon the framework. Aim to schedule occasional money dates to check in on your progress toward short- and long-term financial goals.

Methodology

Bankrate commissioned YouGov Plc to conduct the survey. All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,233 U.S. adults, of whom 1,124 were married or living with a partner at the time of the survey. The fieldwork was undertaken December 18-20, 2023. The survey was carried out online and meets rigorous quality standards. The figures have been weighted to be representative of the entire U.S. adult population 18 years and older.

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TECHNOLOGY

2024's
best

cordless vacuums

By CNET
CNET.com (TNS)

The best cordless stick vacuums are maneuverable and lightweight without sacrificing the cleaning power of a corded model (and without costing too much). After years of testing dozens of models, CNET’s ultimate favorite is the Tineco Pure One S11, which offers top-tier cordless cleaning power, a lightweight design and a lower asking price than comparable models from the likes of Dyson, Samsung and other top manufacturers.

That said, there are plenty of other perfectly capable cordless vacuums that we can recommend, too. To find them, we’ve spent countless hours testing the top models from brands like Shark, Bissell, Dyson, Tineco, Eureka and Samsung at the

CNET Home product testing lab in Louisville, Kentucky.

Specifically, we run a rigorous slate of tests to determine each cleaner’s capabilities when it comes to picking up a variety of messes on a variety of different floor types. Whether it’s sucking fine particles like dust and sand out of thick, plushy carpets or collecting crumbs and pet hair off hardwood floors, we take a complete look at how each vacuum performs in a controlled setting before recommending anything. Our top three picks are detailed here, but if you’d like to scan the full list, you can find it at CNET.com.

The following CNET staff contributed to this story: Senior Editor Ry Crist, former CNET staff member Brian Bennett and Copy Editor Jim Hoffman. For more reviews of personal technology products, please visit www.cnet.com.



Tineco Pure One S11
Best cordless vacuum overall

CNET TAKE: The many cordless vacuums we’ve tested in recent years range in price from \$105 to \$899. The Tineco Pure One S11 sits right in the middle of that pack with a retail price of \$400 – but it performs as if it costs a lot more, with outstanding results in each of our main cleaning tests.

To be specific, the Pure One S11 tied for second place among all of our lab’s cordless vacuums on hardwood floors, sucking up 99 percent of the sand we scatter to simulate dust and other fine particles, and 100 percent of the black rice we use as an analog for crumbs and other larger bits of debris. It was our No. 1 finisher on low-pile carpet, with a sand score of 93 percent and another perfect 100 percent with the black rice. It’s a strong performer on plushier, midpile carpets, too, which is our most difficult test. The Pure One S11 finished in third here, gathering up 78 percent of the sand and, once again, 100 percent of the black rice. Crumbs don’t stand a chance against this thing.



Dyson V15 Detect
Best cordless vacuum suction

CNET TAKE: Say hello to the best Dyson cordless vacuum, the Dyson V15 Detect. As the company’s flagship cordless vacuum, it’s expensive, retailing at \$750 – but, like its predecessor the V11, the V15 ripped through our suite of vacuum cleaner tests with ruthless competence. The trick up this Dyson’s sleeve is the impressive 230 air watts of suction power from the cleaning head, which is 100 air watts more than any Tineco vacuum, and more than you’ll get from Samsung vacuums that are even costlier than the V15. That suction translates into performance. Remember how our top pick from Tineco removed 78 percent of the sand from a midpile carpet in our toughest test? The V15 Detect was able to remove 88 percent in the same challenge, as well as 95 percent from low-pile carpet. The V15 is a great cordless vacuum for pet hair, too.



Tineco A11 Hero
Best cordless vacuum value

CNET TAKE: The last time we updated our list of the best cordless vacuums, we pointed to the Tineco A11 Hero as an outstanding midrange option. Now, in 2024, it’s available for \$260 or less, if you catch it on sale (we’ve seen it fall below \$200 pretty regularly in recent months). That makes it more of a value pick – and as value picks go, it’s one of your best options.

Apart from being a strong performer in our pet hair tests, the A11 Hero was near flawless on hardwood floors, vacuuming up 97 percent of sand and 98 percent of black rice. It finished just outside the top 5 on low-pile carpet, removing a respectable 83 percent of sand and a near-perfect 99 percent of black rice – and every vacuum that did better in that test costs hundreds more. With all of those extra fibers for dirt to cling to, midpile carpet was more of a struggle, as the A11 Hero’s sand score fell to 73 percent, but it still nailed the black rice test, sucking up 98 percent of the stuff.

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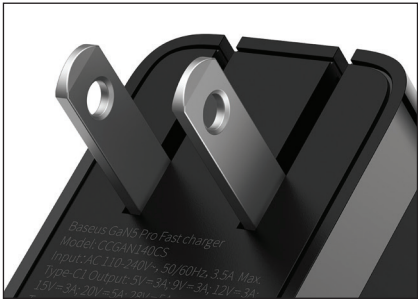
By GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service (TNS)

Charging never gets old. Luckily, since we all need it, chargers keep getting better and faster. Baseus has lots of chargers, cables and portable power to fill most any need. The company states they are named after their core value “Based on User,” with a mission to create minimalist products with easy-to-use designs. It’s easy to see how their goals have been achieved.

The Baseus GaN Pro 140-watt fast charger (\$89.99) has a pair of USB-C fast charging ports and a single USB-A. Fold-out power prongs connect to any household AC outlet. The ports can be used simultaneously or individually. The 140-watt output is achieved using a single USB-C port and having the other two idle. Otherwise, they share the 140-watt output, with the USB-A port having a maximum output of 100 watts.



Baseus GaN Pro 140-watt fast charger.



The Baseus GaN Pro 140-watt fast charger has fold-out power prongs.

It’s rated to fast charge a 2021 16-inch MacBook Pro with USB-C power, deliver 3.1 in 80 minutes (computers that support PD 3.1), and work with all USB-C charging computers, tablets, smartphones, game units and AirPods. Inside the charger is an upgraded GaN chip for safety, lower charging temperature, less power consumption and faster power.

The portable charging block measures 3.7-by-1.1-by-2.3 inches, making it 25 percent smaller and 30 percent lighter than the Apple 140-watt charger. Intelligent splits the power according to the different needs of the device plugged into each port. The safe charging has it charging up to 80 percent, automatically switching to a safe trickle charge until fully charged.

Baseus also has the 100W four-port GaN II Fast USB-C Charging Station (\$41.99) with two USB-C ports, two USB-A ports and 12 kinds of fast-charging protocols. A single USB-C port will output up to 100 watts for fast charging or split the power depending on the ports used. Each USB-C port has a 100-watt maximum if used by themselves; the USB-A ports have a 60-watt maximum.

It also has fold-out AC charging prongs and is rated to charge three times faster than a standard charger. Other features include over-voltage, over-current, short-circuit, over-power,

electrostatic and temperature protection. Both charging blocks include a USB-C cable.

The Baseus Magnetic Power Bank (\$45.99) has 30 watts of power from the 10000mAh battery. Charging can be done magically with the 7.5 wireless charger for MagSafe-compatible charging smartphones. If you don’t want to use MagSafe charging, the power bank has a built-in 5.5-inch USB-C cable for a direct connection.

Wireless charging is slower than wired; the Baseus Magnetic Power Bank charges wired with 30 watts of power delivery. When the battery needs charging, the built-in cable will plug into your USB AC adapter (not included) and charge with 18 watts of input.

There is an additional USB-C port on the side, which allowed me to charge a wireless mouse with my own USB-C cable plugged in and, at the same time, charge my iPhone 15 on the MagSafe charger. It wouldn’t allow MagSafe charging and charging with the built-in USB-C cable. If you have a Lightning-charging iPhone, the port is perfect for plugging your USB-C to the Lightning charging cable.

The Baseus Magnetic Power Bank measures 4.3-by-2.7-by-0.8 inches and has a battery indicator next to the ports. It’s available in white, black, green and yellow.

The Baseus Free2Pull Retractable USB-C to USB-C cable (\$21.99) supports up to 100W of power delivery fast charging and has a transmission rate of 480 Mbps.

It has a maximum length of 40 inches and can go as short as 4.75 inches when fully retracted. The retractable feature makes it a perfect cable that can be used in various situations depending on the length needed.

The exclusive, ultra-thin, patented retractable cable is available in white, blue, black and purple.

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New phone? Get your old one ready to pass on

By JIM ROSSMAN
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This week a reader writes: “I recently bought a new Apple iPhone and removed the SIM card from my old iPhone.

“Does the act of removing the sim card from my old phone prevent anyone from accessing any of my personal information that might still be recoverable?”

“What is the safest way to dispose of an old iPhone?”

Great question. Let’s dive into what you need to do before passing on an old phone.

For iPhone users, once you’ve removed the SIM, which only holds the phone number, you still need to sign out of your iCloud account and reset the phone, which will wipe all your personal data and restore the operating system.

You’re going to need to know your Apple ID and password to proceed.

If you’ve got an Apple Watch, unpair it from the old phone.

Unregister any AirTags paired with the phone.

Back up your data using iCloud or connect it with a sync cable to your computer (if you have one).

In the iCloud settings, turn off Find My, which will turn off the Activation Lock (so someone else can use the phone).

Go back to the iCloud settings page, scroll down to the bottom, and sign out.

You’ll need to input your Apple ID password and perhaps your phone’s passcode for those last two steps.

Then go to Settings/General and scroll down to the bottom and select Transfer or Reset iPhone.

Then choose Erase All Content and Settings.

Again, you’ll be asked for your Apple ID password.

When the iPhone reboots, it should show you the Hello page and be ready for the next user.

Android users

Samsung users should open Settings, then tap General Management.

Scroll down to Reset, tap it, then choose Factory Data Reset.

Then review the information and tap Reset. Be ready to enter your phone credentials and passcode.

If you have a Samsung account, you’ll need to authenticate that account as well.

Different Android phones could have different ways to restore. Check with your manufacturer for specific instructions.

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THE CONVERSATION



Indy Autonomous Challenge photos

The new IAC AV-24 race cars lit up in the dark at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the Autonomous Challenge at CES 2024.

Bringing AI up to speed

Autonomous auto racing promises safer driverless cars on the road

By MADHUR BEHL
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The excitement of auto racing comes from split-second decisions and daring passes by fearless drivers. Imagine that scene, but without the driver – the car alone, guided by the invisible hand of artificial intelligence. Can the rush of racing unfold without a driver steering the course? It turns out that it can.

Enter autonomous racing, a field that’s not just about high-speed competition but also pushing the boundaries of what autonomous vehicles can achieve and improving their safety.

Over a century ago, at the dawn of automobiles, as society shifted from horse-drawn to motor-powered vehicles, there was public doubt about the safety and reliability of the new technology. Motorsport racing was organized to showcase the technological performance and safety of these horseless carriages. Similarly, autonomous racing is the modern arena to prove the reliability of autonomous vehicle technology as driverless cars begin to hit the streets.

Autonomous racing’s high-speed trials mirror the real-world challenges that autonomous vehicles face on streets: adjusting to unexpected changes and reacting in fractions of a second. Mastering these challenges on the track, where speeds are higher and reaction times shorter, leads to safer autonomous vehicles on the road.

I am a computer science professor who studies artificial intelligence, robotics and autonomous vehicles, and I lead the Cavalier Autonomous Racing team at the University of Virginia. The team competes in the Indy Autonomous Challenge, a global contest where universities pit fully autonomous Indy race cars against each other. Since its 2021 inception, the event has drawn top international teams to prestigious circuits like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The field, marked by both rivalry and teamwork, shows that collective problem-solving drives advances in autonomous vehicle safety.

At the Indy Autonomous Challenge passing competition held at the 2024 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in January 2024, our Cavalier team clinched second place and hit speeds of 143 mph while autonomously overtaking another race car, affirming its status as a leading American team. TUM Autonomous Motorsport from the Technical University of Munich won the event.

Pint-size beginnings

The field of autonomous racing didn’t begin with race cars on professional race tracks but with miniature cars at robotics conferences. In 2015, my colleagues and I engineered a 1/10 scale autonomous race car. We transformed a remote-controlled car into a small but powerful research and educational tool, which I named F1tenth, playing on the



The Cavalier Autonomous Racing team from the University of Virginia competes at the Autonomous Challenge at CES 2024.



The TUM (Technical University Munich) team won 2024’s Indy Autonomous Challenge.

name of the traditional Formula One, or F1, race car. The F1tenth platform is now used by over 70 institutions worldwide to construct their miniaturized autonomous racers.

The F1tenth Autonomous Racing Grand Prix is now a marquee event at robotics conferences where teams from across the planet gather, each wielding vehicles that are identical in hardware and sensors, to engage in what is essentially an intense “battle of algorithms.” Victory on the track is claimed not by raw power but by the advanced AI algorithms’ control of the cars.

F1tenth has also emerged as an engaging and accessible gateway for students to delve into robotics research. Over the years, I’ve reached thousands of students via my courses and online lecture series, which explains the process of how to build, drive and autonomously race these vehicles.

Getting real

Today, the scope of our research has expanded significantly, advancing from

small-scale models to actual autonomous Indy cars that compete at speeds of upward of 150 mph, executing complex overtaking maneuvers with other autonomous vehicles on the race track. The cars are built on a modified version of the Indy NXT chassis and are outfitted with sensors and controllers to allow autonomous driving. Indy NXT race cars are used in professional racing and are slightly smaller versions of the Indy cars made famous by the Indianapolis 500.

The gritty reality of racing these advanced machines on real racetracks pushes the boundaries of what autonomous vehicles can do. Autonomous racing takes the challenges of robotics and AI to new levels, requiring researchers to refine our understanding of how machines perceive their environment, make safe decisions and control complex maneuvers at a high speed where traditional methods begin to falter.

Precision is critical, and the margin for error in steering and acceleration

Learn more about the Indy Autonomous Challenge at www.indyautonomuschallenge.com.

is razor-thin, requiring a sophisticated grasp and exact mathematical description of the car’s movement, aerodynamics and drivetrain system. In addition, autonomous racing researchers create algorithms that use data from cameras, radar and lidar, which is like radar but with lasers instead of radio waves, to steer around competitors and safely navigate the high-speed and unpredictable racing environment.

My team has shared the world’s first open dataset for autonomous racing, inviting researchers everywhere to join in refining the algorithms that could help define the future of autonomous vehicles.

Crucible for autonomous vehicles

More than just a technological showcase, autonomous racing is a critical research frontier. When autonomous systems can reliably function in these extreme conditions, they inherently possess a buffer when operating in the ordinary conditions of street traffic.

Autonomous racing is a testbed where competition spurs innovation, collaboration fosters growth, and AI-controlled cars racing to the finish line chart a course toward safer autonomous vehicles.

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